

Law Firm's Docs Are Private, NYC Bar Association Says

The New York City Bar Association on Tuesday told the Second Circuit that it supported Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP in its bid to block the disclosure of Royal Dutch Shell PLC documents for a planned environmental and human rights suit abroad, saying that handing them over could hurt attorney-client relationships. [Read more »](#)

Plaintiffs Bar Perspective: Hall Lamb's Matthew Leto

As a plaintiffs lawyer, you have to be tenacious and capable of adapting quickly. Not every hearing will go your way and not every witness will provide favorable testimony, says Matthew Leto, partner at Hall Lamb Hall & Leto PA. [Read more »](#)

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Ohio Public Library Fund

Message :

As an Ohioan for the past sixteen years, I have long been proud of the importance the state puts on its public library system. My son has practically grown up at our local library. Ever since he was small, I've taken him to library programs to meet new people, take classes, and get exposed to new ideas through books and other media. I frequently patronize several libraries in my area, participating in poetry readings, book discussions, and check out material through branches and their on-line digital libraries. I attend writing conferences, meet-the-author events, and other activities that are educational, social, and important for making contacts as I endeavor to become a professionally published author.

So when I tell you that I am very upset to hear the Public Library Fund is being reduced, I am speaking as someone for whom Ohio's library programs are absolutely vital. I am speaking not just as someone who has chosen to move to Ohio and raise my family here, but as someone whose life is significantly richer because of the range of library programs and resources available.

In the current political climate, I realize that necessary cuts must be made to balance the budget. However, cutting the funding to a widely-used and necessary public resource, one that promotes community ties and opens up opportunities for Ohioans through accessible educational opportunities, would be counterproductive.

Now that the NEA is under threat of federal cuts, statewide support is needed for our greatest public resource--the public library system. Please do not further cut funding to one of the most important resources that our great state of Ohio has to offer; I urge you to support Rep. Marlene Anielski's (R-Walton Hills) amendment to protect the PLF at 1.68% so that it is not reduced to 1.66% of the General Revenue Fund.

I have faith that as a duly elected state representative, you take your duty to the public interest seriously and will protect the Public Library Fund. Thank you

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Anti-Higher Education Legislation

Message :

Dear Sir,

I am a citizen, a voter, and a university faculty member. Please do no vote for legislation that erodes academic freedom as that will eventually erode the quality of education students receive. Vote against the post-tenure review provision in the budget bill.

I also urge you to not vote for the reduction of faculty sick leave as this could negatively affect faculty and their families. Faculty should continue to be allowed to negotiate sick leave policies with their administrator colleagues through the process of collective bargaining.

Thank you and respectfully yours,
Dr. Lori Liggett
Bowling Green State University

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Ohio House Bill #49

Message :
Dear Mr. Smith,

House Bill #49 contains provisions that are an unnecessary attack on higher education in Ohio.

Specifically, the provision requiring post-tenure review is unwarranted, since our institutions already have mechanisms to evaluate tenured faculty.

The language that standardizes sick leave really amounts to an attack on collective bargaining.

Finally, requiring all faculty who assign textbooks to file an annual financial disclosure statement is truly a solution in search of a problem. I assign textbooks because they are the best materials to help my students learn, not because I personally benefit or because I was influenced by a textbook company.

I strongly request that you not support these provisions.

Thomas Algeo
Professor
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Substitute House Bill 49

Message :

â Hello, my name is Professor Stirling Shelton, and I am a professor at the University of Cincinnati. I am writing to voice my concern and opposition to several unnecessary and anti-faculty provisions that were amended into the budget bill. The provision requiring post-tenure review is unwarranted, since our institutions already have mechanisms to evaluate tenured faculty. In addition, the language that standardizes sick leave really amounts to an attack on collective bargaining. Finally, requiring all faculty who assign textbooks to file an annual financial disclosure statement is truly a solution in search of a problem. I assign textbooks because they are the best materials to help my students learn, not because I personally benefit or because I was influenced by a textbook company. Thanks for your time.â

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Congressman Steve King

Dear Ryan:

Below is a petition I've had prepared for you to House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, your Senators and your Congressman.

It's crucial you sign them at once.

You see, President Donald Trump has pledged to support passage of a National Right to Work act -- and promised to sign it into law if you and I can get it to his desk.

Without a doubt, this is our best opportunity EVER to pass a National Right to Work law to end forced unionism in America.

A National Right to Work law would ultimately end forced unionism nationwide by removing the sections of federal labor laws that allow union bosses to force workers to join a union just to get or keep a job.

So please sign your petition immediately.

URGE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO COSPONSOR THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK ACT

CLICK TO SIGN YOUR PETITION NOW!

You see, the union bosses, Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi and their allies are going to use every trick in the book to kill a National Right to Work bill -- and they will try to do it as quietly as possible.

The union kingpins (and their water-carriers in Congress) can't afford the consequences of having their coercive privileges publicly debated and voted on in Congress!

They don't want the American people to know that:

*** Millions of workers are forced to surrender part of every paycheck to keep their jobs.

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This cash funds violent "organizing" drives, a limousine lifestyle for union bigwigs, and bankrolls radical, Tax-and-Spend politicians like Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi.

*** Big Labor's power is deadly to millions of small businesses.

Big Labor politicians and Obama-stacked bureaucracies have been strangling small businesses with confiscatory taxes, destructive laws and straitjacket regulations.

*** Forced Unionism exports millions of good jobs overseas.

Productivity-killing work rules, workplace class warfare, slowdowns, "sick-outs" and strikes all have taken their crippling toll, closing the doors of many businesses -- for good.

*** Billions of forced-dues dollars bankroll radical Tax-and-Spend politicians like Hillary Clinton, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi, resulting in out-of-control spending and skyrocketing taxes.

That's why it's vital you sign your petition to demonstrate to Congress and the national media the strong support for Right to Work.



Of course, Big Labor allies in Congress may choose to obey the union bosses rather than the majority of their constituents.

That's their choice.

But time and again, when politicians defy the public and vote for forced unionism, they've paid the price with the end of their political careers!

So -- by all means -- let's have another vote and see which politicians want to end their careers in the next election.

That's why your signed petition and financial support are so important.

It's all part of the National Right to Work Committee's four-part plan to pass a National Right to Work law:

- Run TV and radio ads targeting swing votes in key states and districts.

- Contact directly by mail and email up to 10 million supporters to urge them to demand their Senators and Congressmen vote for the National Right to Work Bill.
- Brief personally the hundreds of favorable columnists, radio talk show hosts and editorial writers and bloggers nationwide who can help mobilize public opinion.
- Crank up massive, paid phone banks in the days before the vote to really make Congress feel the heat.

Of course, this whole effort will be very expensive.

An all-out media and direct-mail blitz to mobilize massive public pressure on Congress will be the key to our success.

So, to pay for the expensive ads, mailings, phone banks and other efforts, it's vital you give a special contribution to the National Right to Work Committee today.

Will you make a generous contribution of \$1,000, \$500, \$200, \$100, \$50 or \$35 to launch the next, crucial phase for ultimate passage of a National Right to Work law?



The National Right to Work Committee has successfully beat back Big Labor's forced-dues machine for decades.

And now it's critical the Right to Work Committee have your financial support right away to put politicians' feet to the fire to bring the National Right to Work Act up for a vote.

It would be a crime to let politicians who support compulsory unionism off the hook.

Up against the forced-dues-fed, billion-dollar might of Big Labor, all you and I have on our side is truth and public opinion.

Together with the National Right to Work Committee you can make the difference.

Unlike Big Labor, the National Right to Work Committee doesn't have (or want) the power to force anyone to pay dues.

So it has to depend on the generosity of folks like you.

Some folks have already given \$500, \$1,000 and even more. For others, a contribution of \$50 or \$100 has been as much as they could afford.



Whatever you can do, sign your petition and include your most generous contribution.

Please don't make it easy for Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi and Big Labor to destroy the National Right to Work bill.

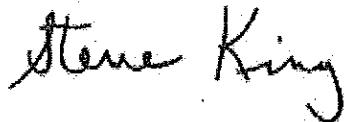
Without your contribution of \$1,000, \$500, \$200, \$100, \$50 or \$35, the National Right to Work Committee won't be able to contact 10 million Americans, place the advertising, or staff phone banks to put Big Labor on the spot.

I believe it's vital we force roll-call votes in this Congress.

It's time to put Big Labor on the defensive. Without your help, the union bosses win by default.

Please act today.

Sincerely,



Steve King
United States Congressman (R-IA)

= A P.S. Since nearly 80% of Americans oppose Big Labor's forced-unionism powers, a public debate and vote on a National Right to Work law is Big Labor's (and its water-carriers' in Congress) worst nightmare!

So, please sign your petition to Congress. And along with your signed petition, please include your most generous contribution of \$1,000, \$500, \$200, \$100, \$50 or \$35 to the National Right to Work Committee today.



The National Right to Work Committee is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, single-purpose citizens' organization dedicated to combating compulsory unionism through an aggressive program designed to mobilize public opposition to compulsory unionism and, at the same time, enlist public support for Right to Work legislation. The Committee's mailing address is 8001 Braddock Road, Springfield, Virginia 22160. The Committee can be contacted toll-free at 1-800-325-7892. Its web address is <http://nrtwc.org/>

To help the National Right to Work Committee grow, please forward this to a friend.

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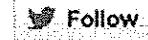
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Thursday, May 4, 2017



TOP NEWS

House Passes Bill To Fund Gov't Through September

The House of Representatives passed a \$1.1 trillion spending deal to fund the government through September with bipartisan support Wednesday, sending the measure for a vote by the Senate before funding runs out on Friday. [Read more »](#)

House GOP To Push AHCA Vote Thursday

House leaders plan to hold a vote Thursday to repeal the Affordable Care Act, with further tweaks to the repeal bill announced Wednesday that add \$8 billion in federal support for new high-risk pools for people with pre-existing health conditions. [Read more »](#)

Senate Votes To Overturn Rule On State-Run Retirement Plans

The Senate on Wednesday passed a resolution to repeal a Labor Department rule that exempted states that established government-run retirement accounts for private sector employees from certain consumer protections, sending the measure to President Donald Trump. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

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Dentons
Dewey & LeBoeuf
Drinker Biddle
Earthjustice
Eversheds Sutherland
Foley & Lardner
Frank L. Branson
Freshfields
Gibson Dunn
Goodwin
Gould & Ratner
Gowling WLG
Harris Wiltshire

4 Things Employers Should Know About 'Comp Time' Bill

House lawmakers on Tuesday advanced legislation that would enable U.S. businesses to give workers paid time off for overtime in lieu of cash, an option attorneys say could lower employers' overtime costs and boost employee morale, but may also open doors for wage violations and retribution claims. Here, Law360 looks at four things employers need to know about the proposed legislation as it makes its way to the Senate. [Read more »](#)

FTC Chair To Focus On Real Harms Over Speculative Ones

President Donald Trump's temporary choice to lead the Federal Trade Commission vowed to focus the agency's antitrust and consumer protection enforcement on cases in which business activity has led to actual and substantial harm, suggesting on Wednesday an end to the old days of intervening in markets based on "speculative" harms. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Hard Bargains Could Discourage New Foreign Military Sales

While the Trump administration may be more willing to consider a broader range of foreign military sales deals than its predecessor, its efforts to drive a hard bargain may also turn some potential customers off, making it uncertain whether it will top the record sales under the Obama administration. [Read more »](#)

House Passes Bills Changing FEMA Policies

The House on Tuesday and Wednesday passed several bills to change Federal Emergency Management Agency policy, ranging from giving greater power to fire contractors to a statute of limitations on emergency grant clawbacks. [Read more »](#)

Pa. Commonwealth Court Hopefuls Face Off In Philly

Herbert Smith Freehills
Hogan Lovells
Jenner & Block
Jones & Keller
Jones Day
Jones Walker
Kelley Drye
Kilpatrick Townsend
Kirkland & Ellis
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
Linklaters
McCarter & English
McManis Faulkner
Michael Best
Moore & Van Allen
Morgan Lewis
Norton Rose Fulbright
Pinsent Masons
Quinn Buseck
Rumberger Kirk
Sandberg Phoenix
Seward & Kissel
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Simpson Thacher
Slaughter and May
Squire Patton Boggs
Stradley Ronon
Sullivan & Cromwell
Thompson Coe
Thompson Hine
Vinson & Elkins
Wachtell Lipton
White & Case
WilmerHale
Wolf Rifkin
Zuckerman Spaeder

COMPANIES

Five Democratic candidates seeking election to Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court debated current procedures but agreed on the significance of the intermediate appellate court at a forum hosted Wednesday by the Philadelphia Bar Association and judicial reform group Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

Treasury GC Pick Made \$2.9M In 2016 At Sullivan & Cromwell

President Donald Trump's nominee for general counsel to the U.S. Treasury Department, Brent McIntosh, earned \$2.9 million last year from his job as a litigation attorney and co-head of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP's cybersecurity practice, a document filed recently with the federal government shows. [Read more »](#)

Split 10th Circ. Won't Rethink Ruling On SEC Judges

The Tenth Circuit on Wednesday declined to rehear its decision that in-house judges at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission are unconstitutional, but two judges fired back with an impassioned dissent that called the decision too sweeping to be left unheard by the full court. [Read more »](#)

Simpson Thacher Partner Noreika To Temporarily Lead OCC

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP partner Keith Noreika will take over the leadership at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on an interim basis from current Comptroller Thomas Curry when he steps down on May 5, the agency announced Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

EPA Sends Waters Of US Repeal Measure To White House

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sent the first part of its plan to repeal and replace the

AARP Inc.
AT&T Inc.
Abbott Laboratories
Air Products and Chemicals Inc.
Alion Science and Technology Corp.
American Bar Association
American Council of Life Insurers
American Immigration Lawyers Association
American Medical Association Inc.
Association of Corporate Counsel
Audi AG
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BP p.l.c.
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Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Duke Energy Corporation
Endo International Plc
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Inc.
Financial Services Roundtable
FirstEnergy Corp
Franklin Square Capital Partners
General Dynamics Corporation
HarbourVest Partners LLC
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Johnson Controls Inc.
Joy Global Inc.
LexisNexis Group
Los Angeles Lakers

controversial Clean Water Rule to the White House for review on Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

Dem Govs. Urge Trump To Stay In Paris Climate Agreement

A dozen Democratic governors on Wednesday called on President Donald Trump to reconfirm the United States' commitment to the Paris Agreement, saying that their states stand to bear the brunt of the environmental and health effects of climate change, as well as economic costs running in the tens of billions of dollars or more. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Say EPA Illegally Thwarting Plant Effluent Rule

Environmental groups sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in D.C. federal court Wednesday for agreeing to reconsider an Obama-era rule that set the first federal limits on how much toxic metal can be discharged with power plants' wastewater. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Sue To Block Trump Offshore Drilling Exec. Order

A slew of environmental organizations filed a challenge in Alaska federal court on Wednesday against part of President Donald Trump's executive order that seeks to review which areas of the Arctic and Atlantic oceans should be opened for oil and gas drilling, arguing the action is unconstitutional. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Worries Abound As FERC Quorum Shortfall Hits 3-Month Mark

Wednesday marks the three-month anniversary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission losing a quorum of commissioners, and with no nominees put forth yet by the Trump administration, there's growing concern over the agency's inability to do its job. Here, various FERC stakeholders weigh in on the agency's current, and indefinite, impotence. [Read more »](#)

Lyft Inc.

Major League Soccer LLC

Milwaukee Bucks

MoneyGram International, Inc.

National Basketball Association

National Governors Association

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation

Natural Resources Defense Council

New Balance Inc.

Nokia Corporation

Och-Ziff Capital Management Group LLC

Office Depot Inc.

OfficeMax Incorporated

OneWest Bank Group LLC

PJM Interconnection LLC

Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc.

Parkland Health & Hospital System

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Planned Parenthood Federation

Prudential Financial Inc.

SIFMA

Scottrade Inc.

Sierra Club

Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

Temple University

Texas Trial Lawyers Association

The Boeing Company

Toronto-Dominion Bank

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Uber Technologies Inc.

Volkswagen

W&T Offshore, Inc.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Bill To Appoint Copyright Chief Introduced In Senate

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators on Tuesday announced that they have filed a companion bill to legislation that would make the Register of Copyrights a presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed position, after the House passed its version of the measure at the end of April. [Read more »](#)

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

St. Pete Voters OK Stadium Measure For MLS Expansion Bid

The Tampa Bay Rowdies grabbed a victory Tuesday in the team's quest to join Major League Soccer as voters in St. Petersburg, Florida, approved a referendum to move forward with the expansion of Al Lang Stadium, a crucial piece to the club's expansion bid. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

Drivers Fight Seattle's Bid To Nix Uber, Lyft Union Law Case

A group of independent drivers have urged a Washington state federal judge not to toss their suit against the city of Seattle challenging an ordinance allowing for-hire drivers for Uber, Lyft and other ride-hailing apps to unionize, saying federal law preempts the ordinance. [Read more »](#)

Fiduciary Rule Exceeds DOL's Authority, 5th Circ. Told

Several financial industry and insurance groups told the Fifth Circuit on Tuesday that the U.S. Department of Labor exceeded its "narrow authority" and flouted longstanding distinctions between fiduciaries and salespeople in developing its fiduciary rule for retirement account advisers. [Read more »](#)

Walter Investment Management Corp

Washington Mutual Inc.

Washington Post Co.

Wells Fargo & Co.

Whole Foods Market, Inc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Army Corps of Engineers

Congressional Budget Office

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Department of Commerce

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Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Federal Trade Commission

Food and Drug Administration

Internal Revenue Service

National Economic Council

National Institutes of Health

National Labor Relations Board

National Security Agency

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Securities and Exchange Commission

Senate Dems Reintroduce LGBTQ Nondiscrimination Bill

Congressional Democrats on Tuesday reintroduced a comprehensive bill that would amend federal civil rights law to protect members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities from discrimination in areas including the workplace, public accommodations and housing. [Read more »](#)

Fla. Prosecutors Back Gov. In Fight With State Atty

Florida Gov. Rick Scott received support Wednesday in his battle with a state prosecutor he removed from 23 homicide cases from family members of the murder victims and from other state prosecutors, who said Scott was within his rights to reassign the cases after the prosecutor announced she would not seek the death penalty in a high-profile Orlando murder. [Read more »](#)

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Bulk Data Collection's End Didn't Slow NSA Down Last Year

Though prohibited from collecting domestic surveillance information in bulk under a recent law change, the National Security Agency last year still scooped up an estimated 151 million call detail records from telecoms, according to a government report released Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Top GOP Lawmaker Set To Unveil DOD Acquisition Reform Bill

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, is set to release an updated defense acquisition reform plan later this month intended to make the U.S. Department of Defense "run more like a business," as well as revamping how it handles

Small Business Administration

U.S. Army

U.S. Copyright Office

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Office of Government Ethics

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

U.S. Senate

U.S. Supreme Court

World Trade Organization

contractors' intellectual property rights, he said Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Azevedo Hails 'Most Dynamic' WTO Talks In Years

World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo said Wednesday that the debate among members looking to craft new trade rules is more "dynamic" than it has been in years, but that there is still considerable work to be done in order to reach a deal by the end of the year. [Read more »](#)

TAX

Insurer Must Pay Tax Debt Before Policyholder: 3rd Circ.

A Third Circuit panel on Tuesday overturned a Pennsylvania district court and determined that a Pennsylvania law requiring an insurance company to pay unpaid property taxes before remitting fire insurance proceeds to a policyholder applied even if that policyholder didn't own the property. [Read more »](#)

Study Finds IRS Issued \$17B In Improper Tax Credits

The IRS has refused to adopt recommendations for assessing the risk of making improper refundable tax credits despite finding that nearly a quarter, or \$16.8 billion, of Earned Income Tax Credits never should have been doled out, according to a report released Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

2 Mass. Cities Seek Pause In Sanctuary Cities Row

Two Massachusetts cities on Tuesday asked a federal court to stay their case challenging an executive order provision aimed at sanctuary cities, citing the recent nationwide injunction

handed down by a California court in a similar case. [Read more »](#)

Advocacy Group Sues DHS Over Travel Ban FOIA Requests

Muslim Advocates has filed two suits against the Department of Homeland Security over its alleged failure to respond to Freedom of Information Act requests seeking documents related to discriminatory policies the group says have been implemented against individuals from the seven Muslim-majority countries that were subject to the Trump administration's immigration ban. [Read more »](#)

Site List Revealed For Jailed Immigrant Removal Program

The American Immigration Lawyers Association published government records Tuesday showing a list of additional locations where the government may conduct in-prison deportation proceedings, identifying sites in Pennsylvania, Texas and California. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Senator Floats Broadband Access Bill Inspired By FCC Plan

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., introduced on Wednesday legislation to press forward on a broadband deployment plan first outlined by Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai, saying the Gigabit Opportunity Act will incentivize investment and clear regulatory barriers. [Read more »](#)

Rep. Pallone Says FCC Plan Would 'Sabotage' Net Neutrality

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal to roll back the 2015 Open Internet Order is an attack that supports monopolistic interests and threatens democracy, Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., said Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

Senate Committee Urged To Improve Broadband Access

SpaceX encouraged the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on Wednesday to consider satellite-based broadband services as a way to improve connectivity in rural and other underserved areas. [Read more »](#)

Texas Historical Group Queries FCC On Super Bowl Claim

The Texas Historical Commission has questioned Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai's statement that a company paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to meet historic preservation requirements for upgrades at NRG Stadium for the Super Bowl, saying the state agency has not found records to verify the claim. [Read more »](#)

PEOPLE

Ex-Philly Mayor Street Reinstated To Pa. Bar

Former Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street was readmitted to the Pennsylvania bar on Monday, after the state's Supreme Court signed off on his petition for reinstatement. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Immigration Door For Int'l Athletes Remains Open (For Now)

While international athletes in the P-1 and O-1 visa categories have not been directly targeted by President Donald Trump's immigration policies at this juncture, they potentially stand to be affected in a detrimental manner, says Jordan Butler of Wolf Rifkin Shapiro Schulman & Rabkin LLP. [Read more »](#)

Government Contracts After The First 100 Days

The first 100 days of the Trump administration signaled that an era of far-reaching changes in

the field of government contracting has begun, including unprecedented support for the private sector, increased defense capabilities, infrastructure development, major regulatory reform and innovation through private enterprise, says Joseph Berger of Thompson Hine LLP. [Read more »](#)

Time For FERC To Re-Examine Its Hydropower License Policy

The term length of a federal hydroelectric license is a major factor in inducing a licensee to invest money in a hydroelectric project. But the relicensing process for such projects has grown unwieldy and expensive. Respondents to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's recent notice of inquiry on hydropower licensing terms agree on the misalignment of incentives in FERC's current policies, say attorneys with Bracewell LLP. [Read more »](#)

CFPB Insights On Alternative Data Use In Credit Scoring

The growing utilization of alternative data in credit decisions and scoring models continues to attract the attention of regulators. Although clear and practical guidance remains elusive, regulator pronouncements provide some clues and takeaways for market participants, say Michael Gordon and Vaughn Stewart of WilmerHale. [Read more »](#)

The Wild World Of Calif. Wage Orders

California's wage orders, some of which date back over 25 years, are an important but often overlooked feature of the employment law landscape that can trip up even the most careful employers. Two cases decided by the California Supreme Court within the last year demonstrate how decisions involving wage orders can have ripple effects for employers and employees, says Matthew Schechter of McManis Faulkner. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

The Top In-House Hires Of April

Noteworthy moves to new in-house positions in April include a lawyer instrumental in Office Depot's acquisition of OfficeMax taking the top legal spot at Whole Foods and a former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission department head changing lanes to join a trading firm. [Read more »](#)

Eversheds Sutherland Brand Most-Recognized In UK

Newly merged Eversheds Sutherland is the law firm brand most recognized by the leaders of corporate legal departments in the United Kingdom, according to a report released on Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

NYPD Turns Probe Of Judge's Death Over To Med. Examiner

The New York Police Department has closed its investigation into the death of New York associate appellate judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam, saying Wednesday it is now up to the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner to determine a cause of death. [Read more »](#)

Dewey Jury Reconstructing Case Piece By Piece

The jurors weighing the New York fraud case against two former executives at defunct law firm Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP asked to revisit emails between the pair and rehear testimony from the state cooperators on Wednesday, the second full day of deliberations. [Read more »](#)

Plaintiffs Bar Perspective: Debbie Dudley Branson

The most important advice I might offer to young lawyers is that we need to be consistent in doing the little things right if we want to have any hope of doing the big things right, says Debbie Dudley Branson of The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson. [Read more »](#)

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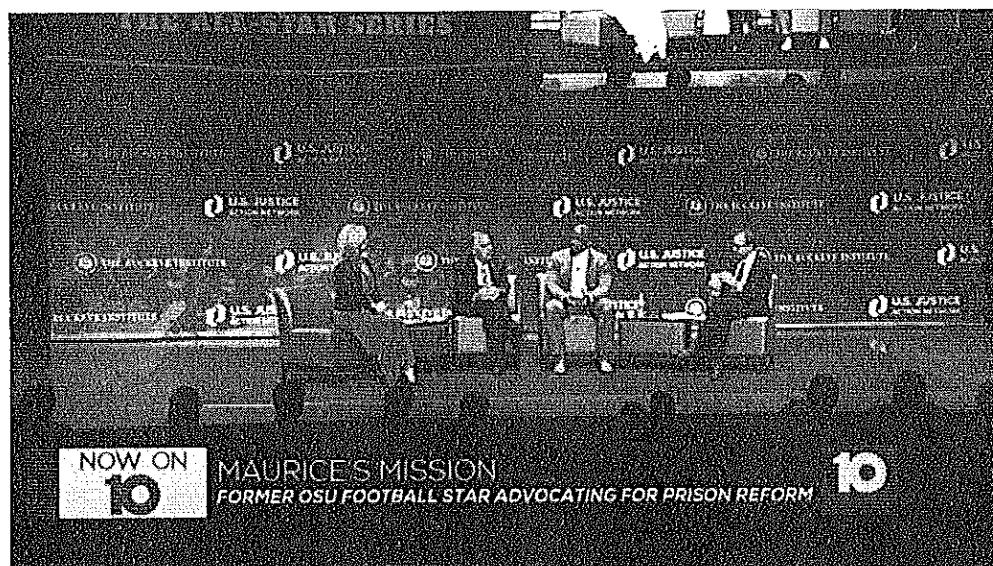
Ohioans are reading about Ohio State University football legend Maurice Clarett's leadership in Columbus once again, this time as an advocate for justice reform. Last week, Clarett joined Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Gary Mohr and the president of The Buckeye Institute, Robert Alt, along with the U.S. Justice Action Network, to share how his personal experience with the justice system motivated him to take action.

Bleacher Report: Maurice Clarett: From football to prison to justice reform advocate

"Sports are no longer Maurice Clarett's business, or his primary interest, but he can't escape the terminology of the game. The nonprofit he co-founded last year in his native Youngstown, Ohio, to help the city's families and at-risk youth? It's called The Red Zone. He equates the role of warden in a correctional facility with that of a head coach; both, he says, are tasked with developing the skills

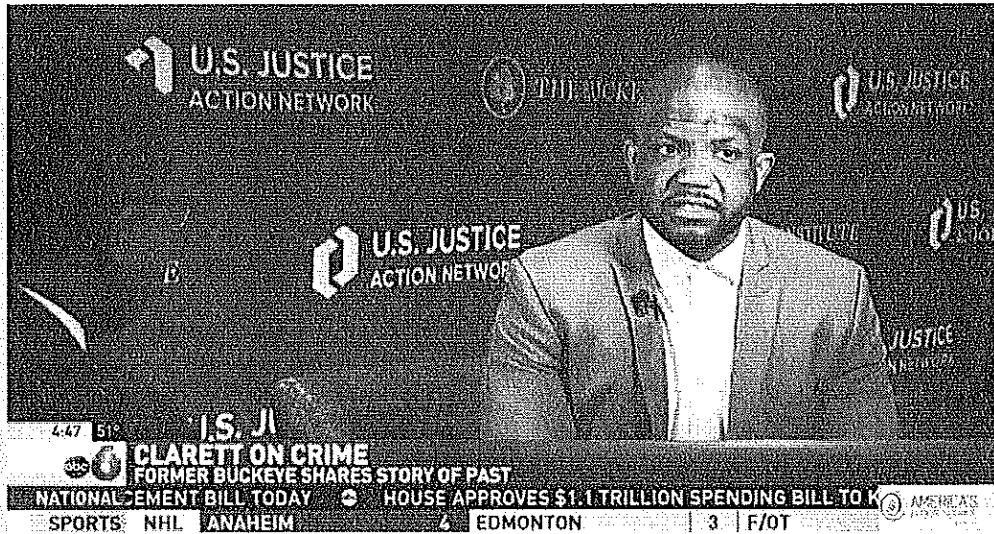
of the people under their charge. Discussing the social and economic factors that lead to high recidivism rates, he sounds like a pundit scouring a box score: "The numbers," he insists, "don't lie."

CBS Columbus (VIDEO): Maurice Clarett: From fallen football star to prison reform advocate

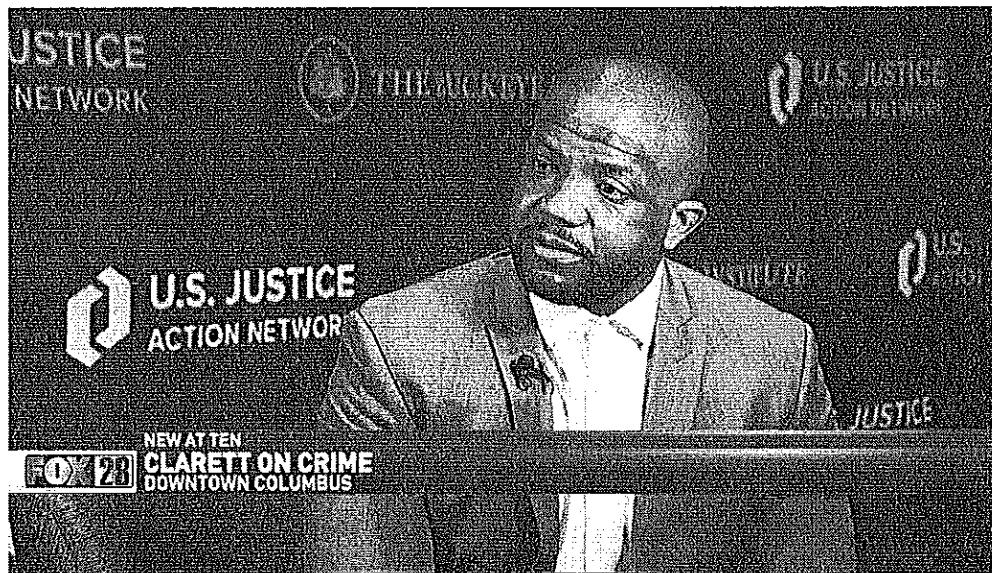


"Former Buckeye Maurice Clarett joined the Buckeye Institute, the U.S. Justice Action Network and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to urge lawmakers to support reform in justice and prison programs. "One of the best things I did while in prison was work on mind, body, spirit," said Clarett as he spoke openly about his public send-off to prison."

ABC Good Day Columbus (VIDEO): Clarett on Crime: Former Buckeye Shares Story of Past



Fox 28 Columbus (VIDEO): Former OSU star Clarett hopes troubled past can keep others on positive path



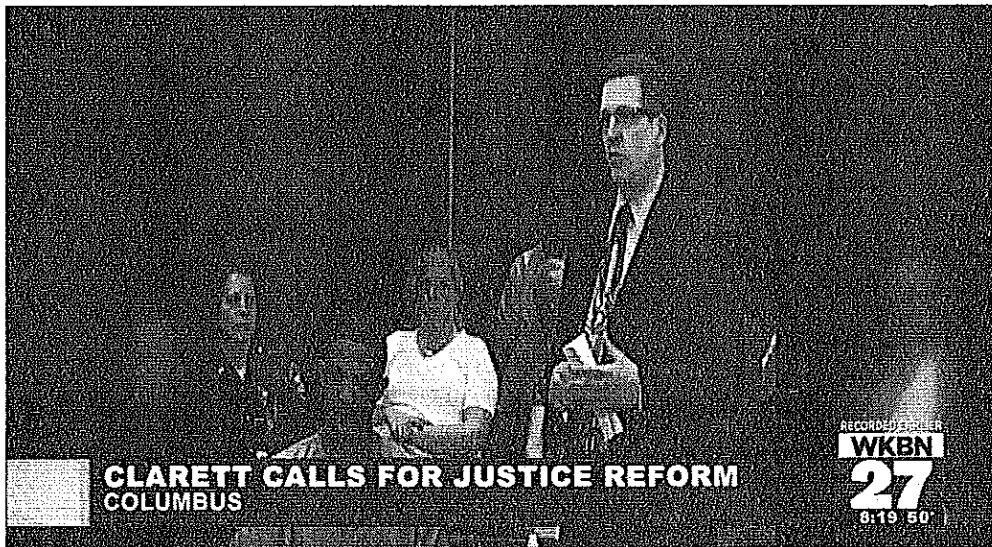
"One thing Clarett can control is his personal story. He shared it during a conversation about smart on crime policies in the criminal justice system. The U.S. Justice Action Network organized the conversation called, Smart Justice. "We're putting too many people behind bars for too long and

"we're throwing up obstacles to their successful return to society," said Holly Harris, executive director for the U.S. Justice Action Network."

NBC4 Columbus (VIDEO): Former OSU star Maurice Clarett advocates for criminal justice reform

"Clarett says he aggressively sought help from others in and out of prison. But he says inmates need more access to case workers, social workers and psychologists inside prison and more resources and professional help when they are released from prison. "In this state where we have so many resources, if we just allocate them to professionals being in contact with the most vulnerable people. I think it helped me."

CBS Youngstown (Video): Clarett participates in criminal justice panel



The Lantern: Maurice Clarett shares personal experiences in push for Ohio criminal-justice reform

[Director of Rehabilitation and Correction Gary Mohr] and [President of The Buckeye Institute Robert Alt] each said that many times with politicians, they look at numbers when contemplating criminal-

justice reform rather than the faces of those incarcerated. Clarett is a rare case of someone who lost everything and was able to gain part of that back and give back much more to the community than he would have been able to give as an athlete. Clarett and the people of the women's reformatory choir are the faces that Mohr, Alt and all legislators supporting Senate Bill 66 and TCAP want the public to see when considering prison reform. "Maurice has lived it in his almost four years of incarceration. He understands," Mohr said. "He is more influential than any politician because he has lived it and he's real. He doesn't have some facade. He's real. Quite frankly, I think it's much more effective than being a politician because I think Maurice's story is credible."

Columbus Dispatch Oped: Column: Route to 'village' started in Toledo prison cell

"My arrest and sentencing made national headlines, but a lot of 22-year-old men land in jail for making bad decisions. We should do a better job getting them the help they need, not just lock them away. I wish everyone in prison could find their own Khellah Konteh, someone who can show them the path to rehabilitation, and every prison system could have its own Gary Mohr. Because there is a lot more we all can do to help troubled people find their way back to the village."



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WAKR (Arkon): AUDIO: Maurice Clarett On Criminal Justice Reform

"Maurice Clarett knows what it's like to be on the inside. He's using that experience to try to reform the system...On Wednesday, Clarett will return to Columbus for an event sponsored by the U.S. Justice Action Network in support of two criminal justice reform initiatives. Senate Bill 66 would widen eligibility for substance abuse treatment in lieu of incarceration, while an element of Gov. John Kasich's state budget proposal would allow for more funding to house nonviolent, first-time offenders in community-based facilities instead of prison."

WAKR (Arkon) Audio: Holly Harris, U.S. Justice Action Network: Justice Reform, Getting Sentencing Right

92.3 The Fan (Cleveland) Audio: Maurice Clarett Discusses A New Perspective On Life, Using His Story For A Good Cause

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Meet Trump's 10 Picks For The Federal Bench

With a successful U.S. Supreme Court confirmation in his rearview mirror and dozens of empty federal court seats ahead, U.S. President Donald Trump made his first major move Monday toward remaking the judiciary with conservative jurists. Here, Law360 looks at the president's 10 federal court nominees. [Read more »](#)

Yates Warned White House Flynn Could Be 'Blackmailed'

Former acting Attorney General Sally Yates warned the White House as early as Jan. 26 that ex-National Security Advisor Michael Flynn could "essentially be blackmailed" for lying about his contact with a Russian official, the longtime Department of Justice lawyer testified Monday, reviving scrutiny about why President

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Donald Trump waited until mid-February to fire the high-ranking official. [Read more »](#)

Trump Has First Service Secretary As Senate OKs USAF Pick

Heather Wilson will soon take the controls of the U.S. Air Force after the Senate confirmed her as secretary Monday, the first service secretary confirmed under President Donald Trump. [Read more »](#)

Yates Defends Stance On Immigration Ban That Got Her Fired

Former acting Attorney General Sally Yates on Monday defended her decision to defy President Donald Trump over his immigration ban in an unusually public standoff in late January that led to her firing, suggesting at a Senate hearing that Trump's campaign rhetoric targeting Muslims rendered the executive order unconstitutional. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

EPA, DOI Join Congress' Push To Overhaul Science Panels

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of the Interior said Monday they intend to shake up some science advisory panels with an eye toward bringing in new blood, a move that's in line with congressional Republicans' recent efforts to change how federal regulators use science to make rules. [Read more »](#)

Trump Picks Pa. Regulator, McConnell Aide For FERC Slots

President Donald Trump tapped the chief of the national association of state utility regulators and the U.S. Senate majority leader's energy policy pointman on Monday night to fill commissioner vacancies on the currently quorumless Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. [Read more »](#)

Suit Says Trump EO Gives Churches Preferential Treatment

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An atheist nonprofit has sued the Trump administration in Wisconsin federal court, accusing the president of giving churches unconstitutionally preferential tax treatment with his new executive order easing enforcement of a decades-old rule prohibiting overt political endorsements by religious groups. [Read more »](#)

Trump Nominates 10 Judges In Move To Reshape Judiciary

President Donald Trump has started to expand his impact on the federal judiciary, announcing another 10 judicial nominees Monday to courts nationwide, including the Seventh and Eleventh circuits. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

High Court Asked To Weigh In On Nevada Foreclosure Law

A Nevada-based property trust has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review a Ninth Circuit decision invalidating a Nevada law that gives lien priority to homeowners associations seeking back dues in foreclosure, telling the high court that the ruling has left hundreds of foreclosure-related cases in legal limbo. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

SEC Allowing Bigger Bets With Leveraged ETF Approval

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission surprised many last week by approving a quadruple-leveraged exchange-traded fund after years of misgivings about highly leveraged products, but experts said it could be the first of many as the agency warms up to often controversial innovation in investment products. [Read more »](#)

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The federal government on Friday objected to an Oregon magistrate judge's recommendation to deny a request to certify questions for appellate review in a youth-driven suit that alleges the U.S. violated the Constitution by failing to protect future generations from climate change. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Tell Rick Perry To Refocus DOE Market Study

Six environmental organizations wrote a letter to Secretary of Energy Rick Perry on Monday objecting to a study he requested on electricity markets and reliability, saying it was designed to be "dangerously biased" in favor of fossil fuel and traditional energy sources at the expense of renewables. [Read more »](#)

DOI Asks Public To Weigh In On Monument Designations

The U.S. Department of the Interior said Friday that for the first time, the government will open a formal public comment period for national monument designations under the Antiquities Act, including a Utah monument backed by several Native American tribes and other monuments President Donald Trump wants reviewed. [Read more »](#)

EPA Asks For Stay In Maine Water Quality Row

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday asked a Maine federal judge for a 90-day stay in the state's suit challenging the EPA's tightening of its water quality standards for tribal waters, so it can review the policy. [Read more »](#)

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Sinclair Absorbs Tribune Media In \$3.9B Deal

Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. has agreed to buy Tribune Media Co. for roughly \$3.9 billion, the companies said Monday, in a deal that creates a U.S. broadcasting giant and will potentially

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require divestitures in order to pass regulatory muster. [Read more »](#)

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

DC Circ. Pumps Brakes On Heavy Duty Truck Rule Litigation

The D.C. Circuit on Monday granted a bid by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to pause challenges to greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards for new large and heavy-duty vehicles for 90 days. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

Christie Guts Police, Firefighters' Pension Bill

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Monday gutted a bipartisan bill that would have established a membership-based trustee board to manage the police and firefighters public pension fund, arguing in a conditional veto that the measure undermines the taxpayer-friendly pension reforms he enacted that riled unions. [Read more »](#)

2 More Ex-NJ College Staffers Sue Over Retaliatory Firings

Another pair of former staff members at Essex County College in New Jersey have asserted whistleblower claims against the school in state court lawsuits alleging they were fired last year for helping to produce a report into unlawful conduct related to the college's finances. [Read more »](#)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

NJ Housing Official Admits Using HUD Funds On Gift Cards

The head of the Ocean City Housing Authority admitted Monday in New Jersey federal court to using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

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Development funds to cover the purchase of dozens of MasterCard gift cards she used for personal expenses or provided to family and friends, acting U.S. Attorney William E. Fitzpatrick announced. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

US Cautions Canada Against Retaliatory Coal Tariffs

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross on Saturday urged Canada to refrain from imposing politically motivated tariffs on U.S. products in response to new duties on softwood lumber just a day after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau revealed he was considering a crackdown on U.S. coal. [Read more »](#)

Crabbers Allowed To Join Suit Over Seafood Origin Rule

A D.C. federal judge on Monday allowed Alaska-based crab harvesters to intervene as defendants in a suit challenging a regulation that requires importers to trace the origin of seafood brought into the U.S., saying the harvesters' economic interest in the rule may not completely align with government efforts to defend it. [Read more »](#)

TAX

Sen. Tester Blasts Federal Online Sales Tax Bill

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., sent a letter Friday urging President Donald Trump and Senate leadership to oppose a bill that would allow states to enforce sales taxes on online sales in order to purportedly level the playing field for brick-and-mortar stores, calling it an expensive regulatory burden that would hurt online businesses in his state. [Read more »](#)

OECD Launches Tool To Report Loopholes In Int'l Tax Accord

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on Friday launched a facility

for reporting avoidance schemes to get around the Common Reporting Standard for tax information signed by more than 60 international jurisdictions. [Read more »](#)

Ex-Rep. Using Twitter To Harass Witness, Gov't Says

Former U.S. Representative Melvin Reynolds is using Twitter to harass a government witness and his attorney, prosecutors told the Illinois federal judge overseeing their misdemeanor tax case against the former politician on Monday. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

4th Circ. Hears Oral Arguments In Travel Ban Appeal

The Fourth Circuit on Monday heard oral arguments in an appeal over President Donald Trump's travel ban, with some of the judges on the en banc panel grilling the government's attorney on the president's past statements, and others quizzing the plaintiffs attorney on issues of standing and national security. [Read more »](#)

Texas Sues Local Pols To Enforce Sanctuary Cities Ban

The ink had barely dried on Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's signature on a law banning sanctuary cities in the Lone Star State on Monday when the state attorney general lodged a preemptive suit against Austin and Travis County leadership and law enforcement over their refusal to enforce federal immigration laws. [Read more »](#)

Chinese Christian Urges High Court To Review Persecution

A shoe factory worker who fled China after being arrested for attending illegal Christian house-church gatherings has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider a Tenth Circuit

decision that held his circumstances didn't amount to persecution. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Commish Sees Chance To 'Clean Up' Universal Service

Republican Federal Communications Commissioner Michael O'Rielly said that he sees the departure of the CEO of the company responsible for administering the FCC's Universal Service Fund that promotes digital access as a chance for the administrator to "clean up its act." [Read more »](#)

HBO's John Oliver Blasts FCC Open Internet Rollback Plans

Late-night host John Oliver in a Sunday segment took to task the Federal Communications Commission chairman's plan to undo the legal basis for net neutrality rules, calling for the public to "take this matter into our own hands" and file comments pushing back [Read more »](#)

Verizon Spectrum Grants Challenged At High Court

The U.S. Supreme Court should review whether the D.C. Circuit erred in letting the Federal Communications Commission off the hook after the agency ignored its own foreign ownership rules by approving mobile spectrum acquisitions made by Verizon Wireless that allowed an anti-competitive scheme to proceed, a regional telecom provider has argued. [Read more »](#)

Writers Guild Knocks FCC Probe Of Colbert's Trump Joke

The Writers Guild of America on Monday criticized the Federal Communications Commission for its intention to investigate whether a joke by talk show host and Writers Guild member Stephen Colbert is obscene. [Read more »](#)

T-Mobile CEO Lobbies FCC For Quick Auction Transition

T-Mobile's president and CEO, John Legere, has pushed Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai and Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Michael O'Rielly to make way for the company to begin deploying on the spectrum it won in the airwaves auction. [Read more »](#)

PEOPLE

Shumaker Loop Launches Public Affairs Group In Florida

Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP on Monday announced the launch of a public affairs group in Florida that will counsel both public- and private-sector clients on advocacy and issue management, in addition to providing governmental relations services. [Read more »](#)

Morgan Lewis Partner Shortlisted For Bharara Replacement

President Donald Trump's administration is considering nominating Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP partner David L. Miller to be the next U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, sources said Monday, as the process for replacing Preet Bharara is appearing to heat up. [Read more »](#)

DLA Piper Adds Sidley Austin Partner To IP Subgroup

DLA Piper has added a former Sidley Austin LLP partner to its Washington, D.C., and Atlanta offices, the firm announced, deepening its intellectual property offerings particularly in the privacy and security aspects of health information. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In Trump Era, States Take Lead On Social Cost Of Carbon

The social cost of carbon is a measure intended to quantify the effect that a single ton of carbon

dioxide emissions has on climate change. Even as the Trump administration has disbanded the federal interagency working group on this issue, the states have been stepping up their efforts, say Seth Belzley and Stephen Humes of Holland & Knight LLP [Read more »](#)

Making H-1B Administrative Changes: Easier Said Than Done

Language in the recent "Buy American, Hire American" executive order suggests that an expansion of visas is not the administration's preference for H-1B reform. Instead it prefers addressing visa shortages by changing how they are allocated. Therefore, the natural question any lawyer would ask is whether the goal of allocating visas based on wage or skill level can be accomplished administratively, says Leon Fresco of Holland & Knight LLP. [Read more »](#)

Stability For Calif. Cap-And-Trade Program, For Now

Thanks to a California appellate court's recent decision in California Chamber of Commerce v. State Air Resources Board, the future of California's cap-and-trade program looks a little brighter. The opinion provides at least temporary stability to a key portion of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, say Robert Hines and Ashley Breakfield of Farella Braun & Martel LLP. [Read more »](#)

Arizona's Off-Label Promotion Law May Hinge On Gottlieb

As the U.S. Food and Drug Administration sought feedback on whether drug and device makers should be allowed to promote their products for off-label uses, Arizona recently passed a law allowing truthful off-label promotion. But the law's impact may depend on whether Scott Gottlieb is confirmed as FDA commissioner, says Alexis Kellert of Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP. [Read more »](#)

6 Calif. Employment Bills Employers Should Track

The California Legislature recently introduced a number of employment-related bills, most of which increase protection for employees and consequently provide more exposure to lawsuits for employers. Employers should expect little relief from Democratic Party leaders and should proactively guard against what's to come, say Dave Carothers and Karimah Lamar of Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

Streamlining Salvages Dewey Case On Second Try

After their first try ended in a mistrial, prosecutors from the Manhattan district attorney's office trimmed the fat and the key defendant from their controversial retrial of the former leadership of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP — and that decision netted a modest victory five years in the making Monday when jurors convicted the defunct firm's former chief financial officer on felony fraud charges. [Read more »](#)

Weary Dewey Jurors Say Case Against Sanders Far Clearer

After deliberating for five days at the end of the lengthy retrial of two former executives at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, multiple jurors said Monday they felt New York state prosecutors had done a far better job proving their case against Joel Sanders, whose name one noted "was on everything," than they had against Stephen DiCarmine. [Read more »](#)

Jury Convicts Ex-Dewey CFO, Frees Exec Director

A Manhattan jury on Monday issued a split verdict in the long-running criminal case against top executives of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, acquitting the defunct law firm's executive director but convicting its former chief financial officer on fraud and conspiracy charges. [Read more »](#)

Reed Smith Unveils Programs For New Parents

Reed Smith LLP rolled out new benefits aimed at employees returning from maternity leave, joining a trend among large law firms seeking to retain lawyers who've recently had children by easing the transition back to the BigLaw grind. [Read more »](#)

Plaintiffs Attys In Chicago, Cleveland Team Up For New Firm

Former Grant & Eisenhofer PA director Adam Levitt teamed up with members of The DiCello Law Firm to launch DiCello, Levitt & Casey LLC, a new legal venture specializing in plaintiff advocacy in a broad array of legal practice areas, the firm announced Monday. [Read more »](#)

Plaintiffs Bar Perspective: Baron & Budd's Todd Kale

Young lawyers need to understand that you most likely will not get rich serving as a plaintiffs attorney. It's not like you see on TV — this isn't an episode of "Suits," says Todd Kale of Baron & Budd PC. [Read more »](#)

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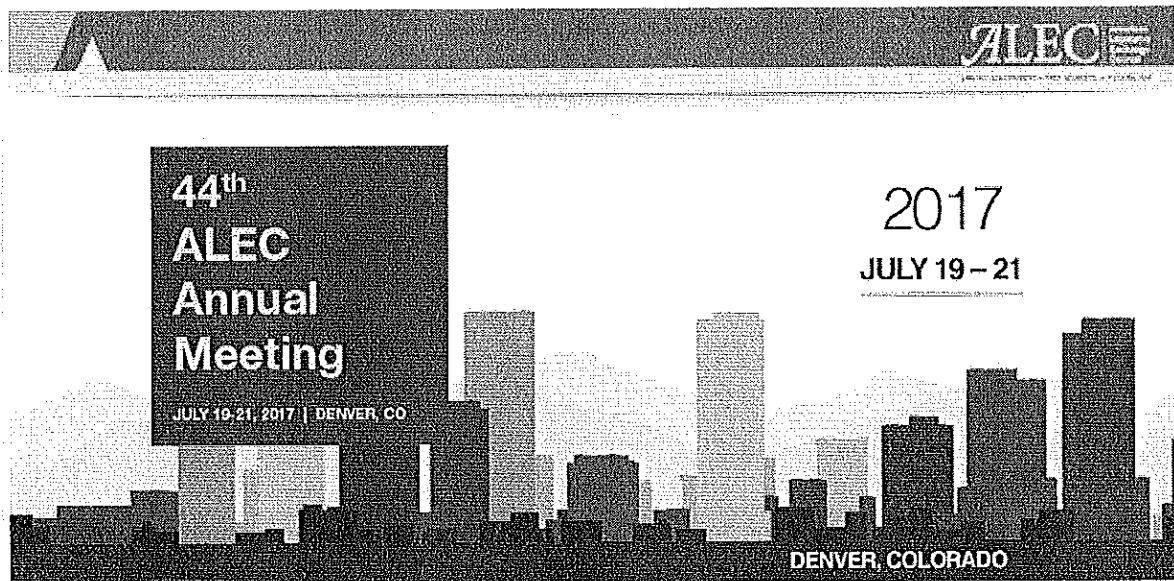
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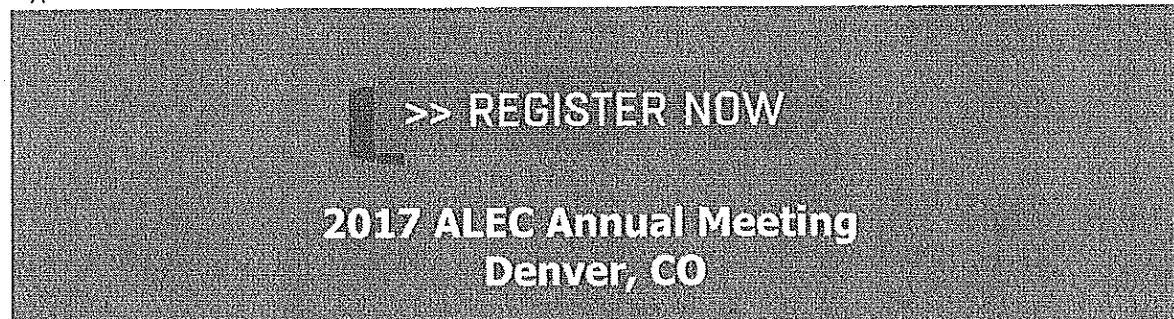
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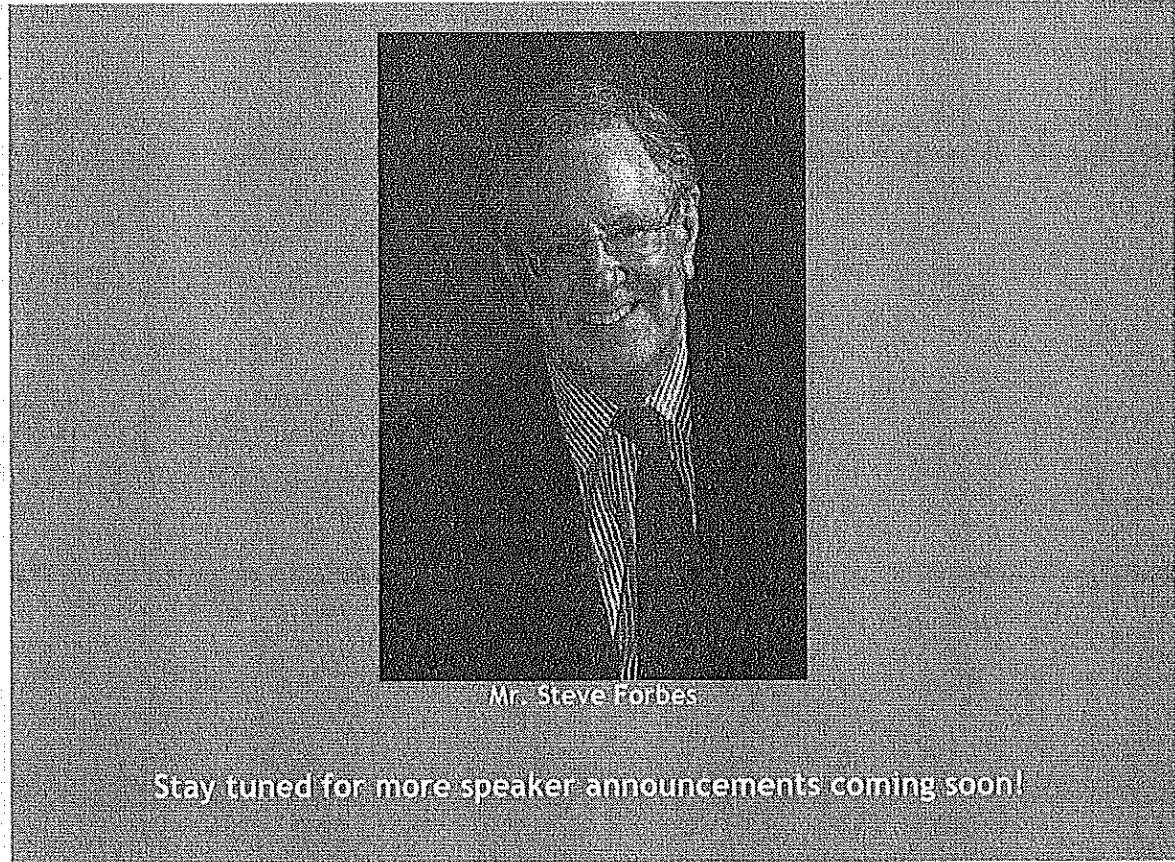


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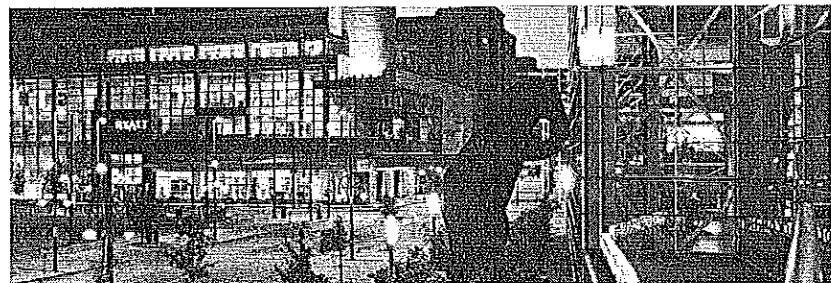
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To: House Education Committee On Thursday Feb. 25, the Ohio Federation of Teachers will host a luncheon with its members. The Luncheon speaker will be Dana Goldstein author of "The Teacher Wars". Lunch will be served from Noon to 1:00 at which time Ms. Goldstein will speak. We are inviting you to attend and stay for the discussion that follows about the issues now facing education and teachers. The event will run from Noon-2pm and will take place at Hilton Columbus-Polaris 8700 Lyra Dr. Columbus, OH 43240. You can RSVP TO DAROLD JOHNSON VIA PHONE 614-257-4191 OR EMAIL djohnson@oft-aft.org.

Lunch with author Dana Goldstein

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January 21, 2016

EPA's Federal Plan Would Force States Into Cap-and-Trade Scheme

The Buckeye Institute files formal comments challenging legality of this federal overreach

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute filed comments Thursday challenging the legality of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed "federal plan" to regulate carbon dioxide emissions under President Obama's Clean Power Plan.

The Buckeye Institute joined the Competitive Enterprise Institute and several other state-level free market think tanks to criticize the EPA's plan, which is a national cap-and-trade program that Congress has explicitly rejected many times. The EPA says it will enforce its federal plan if a state fails to submit its own compliance plan or submits a plan that EPA thinks isn't good enough.

"This federal plan is another example of the Administration using executive overreach to bypass Congress and ignore the best interests of the American people," said William & Helen Diehl Energy and Transparency Fellow Joe Nichols. "EPA claims this rule gives states 'flexibility' to comply, but it is really a backdoor effort to force the states into a costly cap-and-trade scheme."

The filing was submitted to the EPA before a regulatory deadline for outside parties to comment on the agency's sweeping new rule. The Buckeye Institute joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation to file comments opposing the regulation on legal and economic grounds as well.

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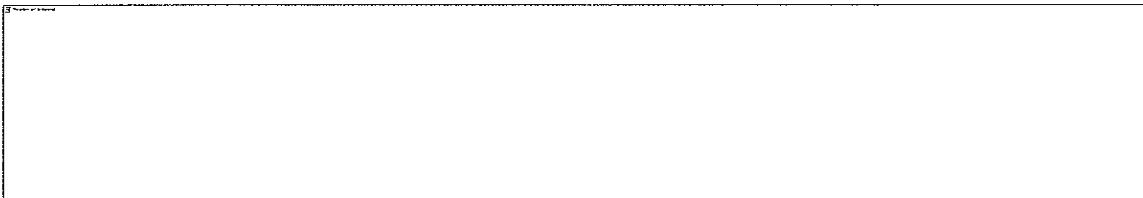
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Missed Heartland's Emerging Issue Forum in Nashville? Watch It Online!

In On December 9, The Heartland Institute hosted its final 2015 Emerging Issue Forum (EIF). More than 80 state elected officials and policy experts attended the EIF-South event in Nashville, Tennessee.

West Virginia Del. Michel Moffatt (R-Putnam) praised Heartland's EIF-South event, stating, "The day was well worth the trip. The panels were direct and had a great grasp of the issues and solutions. I look forward to attending in the future."

[YouTube channel.](#)

The energy and environment panel featured North Carolina state Rep. Mike Hager (R-Rutherford), Georgia Public Policy Foundation Vice President Benita Dodd, Heartland Institute Research Fellow Bette Grande, and Tom Tanton, the director of science and technology at the Energy and Environment Legal Institute. The panelists discussed what states can do to push back against the overreach of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), covering diverse and important topics, such as renewable power mandates, EPA's Clean Power Plan, and hydraulic fracturing. [Video](#)

The education panel featured Mississippi state Sen. Angela Burks Hill (R-Picayune), Civitas Institute attorney Elliot Engstrom, and Heartland Senior Fellow Bruno Behrend. The panelists spoke about recently passed education savings account programs in Mississippi and Nevada, the state of education across the United States, and how to fight back against Common Core State Standards. [Video](#)

[Video](#)

The health care panel featured Dr. Hal Scherz of Docs4PatientCare, Heartland State Government Relations Manager Logan Pike, and Vice President of Policy for the James Madison Institute Sal Nuzzo. The panelists spoke about the rise and future of direct primary care, Medicaid reform, Obamacare after the *King v. Burwell* U.S. Supreme Court decision, and certificate of need laws. [Video](#)

The keynote address was delivered by Zeke Turner, founder and CEO of Mainstreet. His presentation, titled “Beyond Health Care Reform: How Mainstreet Is Transforming Lives and Disrupting Bureaucracy,” showed how certificate of need laws and other regulations are hindering the growth of his company. [Video](#)

Stay tuned as Heartland plans on hosting two EIFs, one in Chicago and another in Orlando, in 2016.



Education

[AltSchool Private School Network Expands to Chicago](#)

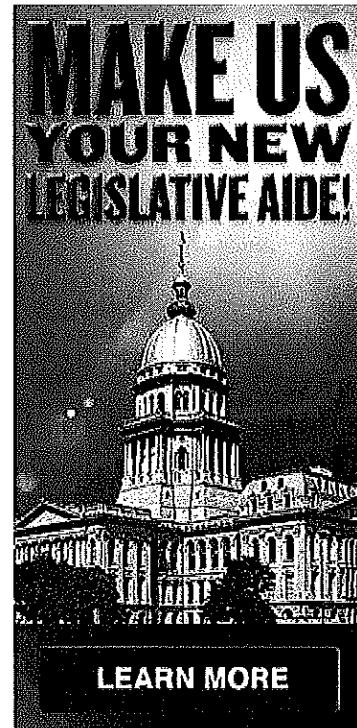
A network of small private schools called AltSchool, founded by a former Google executive Max Ventilla, is expanding to Chicago in fall 2017. Illinois will become the third state with an AltSchool. Tom Gantert, senior capitol correspondent for *Michigan Capitol Confidential*, details in this *Heartlander* article the history of AltSchool and how a “micro-school” philosophy, which keeps schools to about 80-150 students, provides a more flexible and personalized educational experience than a traditional school environment, according to AltSchool. Investors in AltSchool include Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who has reportedly contributed \$100 million to the project. AltSchool currently has campuses in California cities San Francisco and Palo Alto and in New York City. [Read more](#)



Energy & Environment

[Research & Commentary: Idaho Lawmakers? 9 Doubts about the Climate ‘Cosensus’](#)

On January 2, the *Twin Falls Times-News* released a highly deceptive story, “[At Idaho Legislature, Many Doubt Scientific Consensus on Global Warming Cause](#),” containing many dubious assertions about the debate between scientists over the effects of climate change, how much of global warming is caused by humans, and what the actual scientific “consensus” is. In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson explains several of the author’s claims, including, “Climate scientists overwhelmingly agree: The earth is warming at a dangerous rate, and we are responsible for it,” are inaccurate. Although the article mentions a “wide range of surveys and literature reviews,” Benson notes the author does not cite any to back up his arguments. Benson says this is because there are no surveys or literature reviews showing a “scientific consensus” in support of the catastrophic, man-caused global warming hypothesis. [Read more](#)



Health Care



Research & Commentary: Should Wisconsin Limit Transitional Care Facilities?

Since 1981, Wisconsin law has capped the number of nursing home beds in the state. This cap, along with a fee charged for each licensed bed in the state, has reduced the number of licensed beds in skilled nursing facilities in Wisconsin by 16 percent between 2003 and 2013. Like many certificate of need laws, limits on the construction of new health care facilities fail to achieve many of their stated goals and often reduce the availability of health care services. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans argues statutory limits on construction increase costs for consumers by hindering competition and forcing patients into older facilities. Glans says markets should be allowed to determine whether there is a demand for new health care facilities, not bureaucracies. [Read more](#)

Tobacco

Research & Commentary: Indiana Tobacco Taxes and Infrastructure Funding

Lawmakers in Indiana are considering increasing the state's tobacco tax to help fill its dwindling infrastructure fund. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans and State Government Relations Manager MaryAnn McCabe argue all of the revenues from the current 7 percent sales tax on gasoline should be allocated to the state's roads fund as an alternative to increasing the state's gas tax and the cigarette tax. [Read more](#)

Constitutional Reform

Heartland Daily Podcast # 3 Kyle Maichle: Compact for America
In this edition of the *Heartland Daily Podcast*, Kyle Maichle, project manager for constitutional reform at The Heartland Institute, joins host Donald Kendal to talk about the Compact for America (CFA). Compact for America is one of five major groups seeking an Article V convention. Maichle talks about the background of the organization and its successes in the Article V movement, and he explains how CFA offers a unique strategy for accomplishing the task of carrying out an Article V convention. Maichle also discusses the recent endorsement of an Article V convention by presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), a development that's causing quite a stir in the mainstream media. [Read more](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

Mercatus Center Study: State Certificate of Need (CON) Health Care Laws Limit Patient Access

In 2016, Virginia legislators will be discussing reforms to the state's "certificate of public need" (COPN) laws. Research

The January issue of *School Reform News* reports President Barack Obama signed in mid-December a long-expected rewrite of No Child Left Behind. While some education experts considered the measure a good step in the right direction, grassroots activists were less enthusiastic. Glyn Wright, executive director of Eagle Forum, said, "While the American people thought this would be a public debate, the final bill was put together behind closed doors by committee leaders and their staff. It doesn't look like any of the reforms pushed by the grassroots [organizations] survived the process."

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from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University shows that rather than protecting patients' access to care, COPN laws reduce access to important health care services. Economists Thomas Stratmann and Matthew Baker examine state data on MRI, CT, and PET scans, three critical services restricted by COPN regulations in 21 states, and they find COPN laws lead to fewer health care options for patients. Baker and Stratmann say patients in states that restrict imaging services have 20-230 percent fewer provider options than patients in other states. It also finds that there are 30-65 percent fewer scans in COPN states. [Read more](#)

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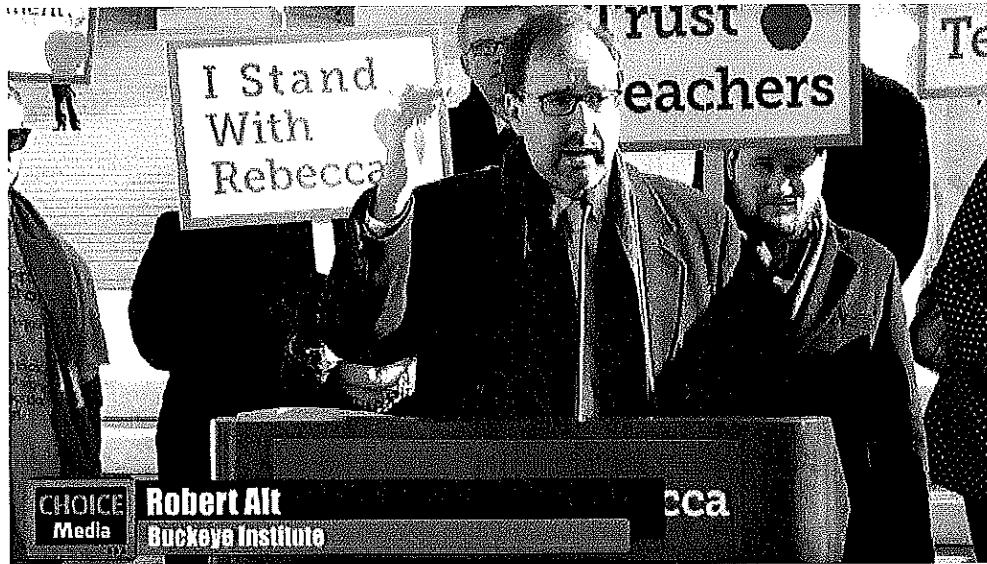
Buckeye Institute News Update

Dear Friends,

Amidst the torrent of bad news since the New Year (the stock market performing erratically and blizzards making themselves known by name, etc.), The Buckeye Institute is off to a phenomenal start for 2016--thanks to your support!

A few noteworthy accomplishments for your review:

- **U.S. Supreme Court.** As you may recall, President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Alt spoke at a news briefing (video below) on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court just after oral arguments concluded in the landmark labor freedom case, *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*. Robert, a constitutional scholar, filed an *amicus* brief for Buckeye in the case, as well as published extensively in prominent publications including [National Review's Bench Memos](#) and SCOTUSblog in the days leading up to oral arguments and [was quoted widely](#) in the days after the January 11th arguments.



- **Ohio General Assembly.** Policy Analyst Greg R. Lawson testified earlier this week before a House Committee on why it is smart policy for the State Auditor to do efficiency-seeking performance audits at universities and community colleges. Ohio Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster), the bill's co-sponsor, publicly thanked Greg on social media for his testimony. State Auditor Dave Yost touted and quoted Greg's testimony in a news release too.
- **Editorial pages.** The Buckeye Institute is now a mainstay - and the dominant free market voice - on the editorial pages of Ohio's major newspapers. William and Helen Diehl Fiscal Policy Fellow Tom Lampman had an op-ed in the *Toledo Blade*. It was based on his policy study arguing that deregulation would dramatically increase access to health care, especially for low-income Ohioans. In a similar vein, Greg R. Lawson published a letter-to-the-editor in the Columbus *Dispatch* explaining how job growth and reducing poverty -- not just spending more tax money -- is the key to improving education outcomes.
- **News reports.** Our experts are frequent sources to the media on our core policy issues, such as jobs and economic growth. Buckeye's Executive Vice President Rea S. Hederman, Jr., was prominently quoted Friday in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer*'s news story on the latest Ohio jobs report.

Thank you for all you do to advance freedom and prosperity, Happy New Year, and stay warm!

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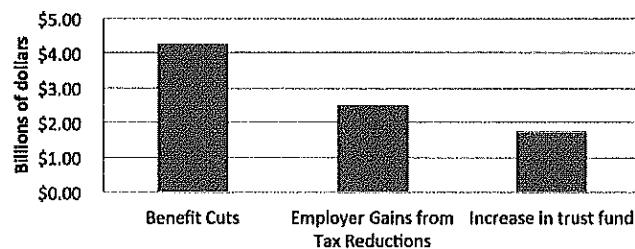
A roundup of happenings at Policy Matters Ohio.....

#Nation'sWorst - Research Director Zach Schiller exposed an egregious assault on unemployment compensation that would make Ohio's system one of the worst in the country in many ways, slashing benefits, hacking eligibility, and cutting employer taxes. Zach's and researcher Hannah Halbert's dogged reporting on House Bill 394 - the worst anti-worker bill since the SB5 attack on collective bargaining -

sparked statewide news coverage. Major daily newspapers editorialized against the bill, some more than once. Our allies at Advocates for Ohio's Future and in the labor movement testified and issued phenomenal action alerts. Opponents created a hashtag #StartOver394. The backlash slowed the bill, and led lawmakers to make several amendments. But this will be a train wreck if Ohio families don't derail it.

Hurting a good thing - Senior project director Wendy Patton's recent report found that provisions in the Ohio budget would reverse progress under Medicaid expansion. Expanding Medicaid has delivered health insurance to more than 650,000 Ohioans, saved money, and brought federal dollars into the state. But lawmakers are seeking a waiver from the federal government that would impose premiums and penalties on patients. This will end up causing tens of thousands to lose health-care coverage, as studies have

HB 394 Funding Changes to the Unemployment Compensation System, 2017-2025



repeatedly found. "This will work against the good health results Ohio has seen with Medicaid expansion," Patton said.

Weatherize it - Since Ohio froze clean-energy and efficiency standards in 2014, electric utility investment in low-income home weatherization has declined by 26 percent. That's the upshot of [a recent report](#) written by Policy Matters' Amanda Woodrum, in collaboration with NextGen Climate America and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy. Weatherization reduces the need for struggling families to seek utility payment assistance and creates jobs in Ohio's energy economy. If Ohio weatherized 30,000 homes of customers in payment-assistance programs each year for 13 years, we'd create nearly 2,400 jobs and produce roughly \$1.77 billion in savings for Ohio families.

Jobs crawling back - Job growth in Ohio continues to lag the national rate, but the last few months have brought solid gains. The state added 15,200 jobs in December, the third straight month of strong growth, our workforce researcher Hannah Halbert reports in [the latest JobWatch](#). The late-year rally followed very slow growth in 2015. But it will take many more quarters of good results to get Ohio firmly on track. We have added jobs at a rate slower than the nation's since the start of the 2007 recession. U.S. jobs have grown by 3.5 percent since then, while the Ohio rate stands at 0.6 percent.

Zombie power plants - The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio is considering forcing FirstEnergy ratepayers to subsidize two outdated, inefficient power plants that can't produce energy at competitive rates. Researcher Michael Shields [described the misguided arrangement](#) to keep the two plants in business - the coal-fired W.H. Sammis plant on the Ohio River and the Davis-Besse nuclear plant near Toledo. "It's a mistake to make First Energy customers pay for this inefficient bailout deal," Michael wrote.

Join our crew: Policy Matters is hiring an [outreach coordinator](#) now in Cleveland and recruiting people with a master's degree to take part in an [amazing state policy fellowship](#) where you could be placed in our Cleveland or Columbus office starting next fall. The fellowship application deadline is Feb. 8. Check 'em out!

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From: Jeanne Melvin
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:47 AM
To: Roegner, Kristina
Subject: HB 420 Amendment

I STRONGLY object to amended House Bill 420 that proposes to punish school employees who suggest that a student should choose to not take any state-prescribed assessment.

These state-mandated tests have no real value to student performance, but they have tremendous value for testing company profits.

They cost significant time, but these tests aren't timely. Schools still don't have final scores from last year's tests!

The test results will ultimately be used to terminate local control by firing elected school boards and allowing outsiders appointed by outsiders to take control of our schools, as in Youngstown.

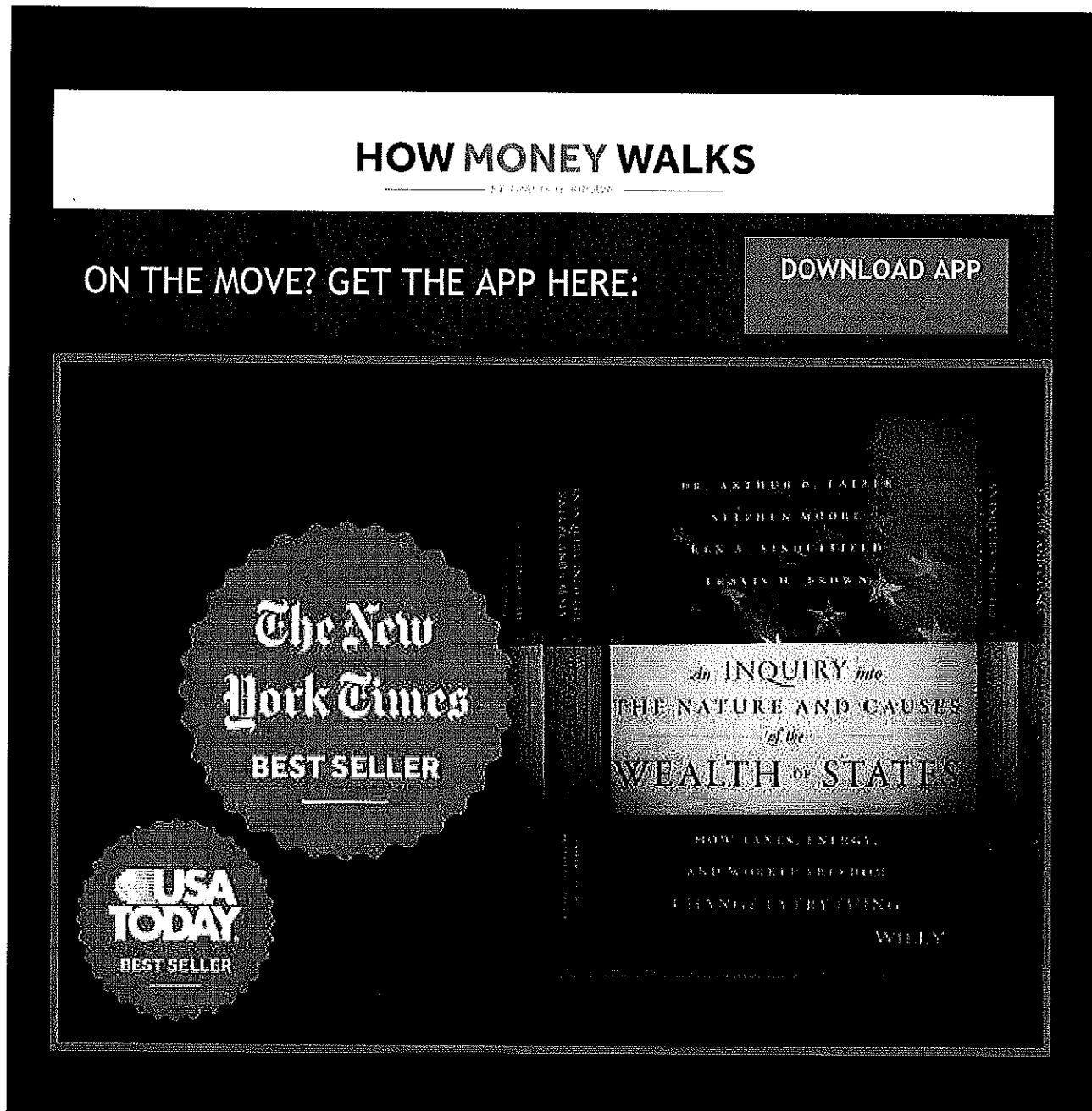
Most importantly, these tests harm children who understand the high stakes placed on the outcomes.

Ohio legislators set this testing mess in motion by implementing ALEC educational policies, cutting school funding, and overlooking the impact of poverty.

Please don't punish those who speak up for the children and families.

Jeanne Melvin

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WHAT'S HOT STATES WHAT'S NOT

WHAT'S HOT

CONNECTICUT The House committee proposed to cut the state's income tax rate by 5 percent over the next eight years.

THE HOW MONEY WALKS EXPRESS:

In case you missed it: Travis H. Brown recently wrote in *Forbes* about how GE's decision to relocate its headquarters from southwestern Connecticut to Boston is just one of the latest blows to the Nutmeg State's crippled economy.

Using years of economic data and empirical evidence from each state, the authors identify which policies can lead a state to economic prosperity. *Rich States, Poor States* not only identifies these policies but also makes sound research-based conclusions about which states are poised to achieve greater economic prosperity and those that are stuck on the path to a lackluster economy.

The 2015 economic outlook ranking is a forward-looking measure of how each state can expect to perform economically based on 15 policy areas that have proven, over time, to be the best determinants of economic success authored by *Wealth of States* co-authors and economists Dr. Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore, and Jonathan Williams, Director of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force at the American Legislative Exchange Council.

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FACT OF THE WEEK:

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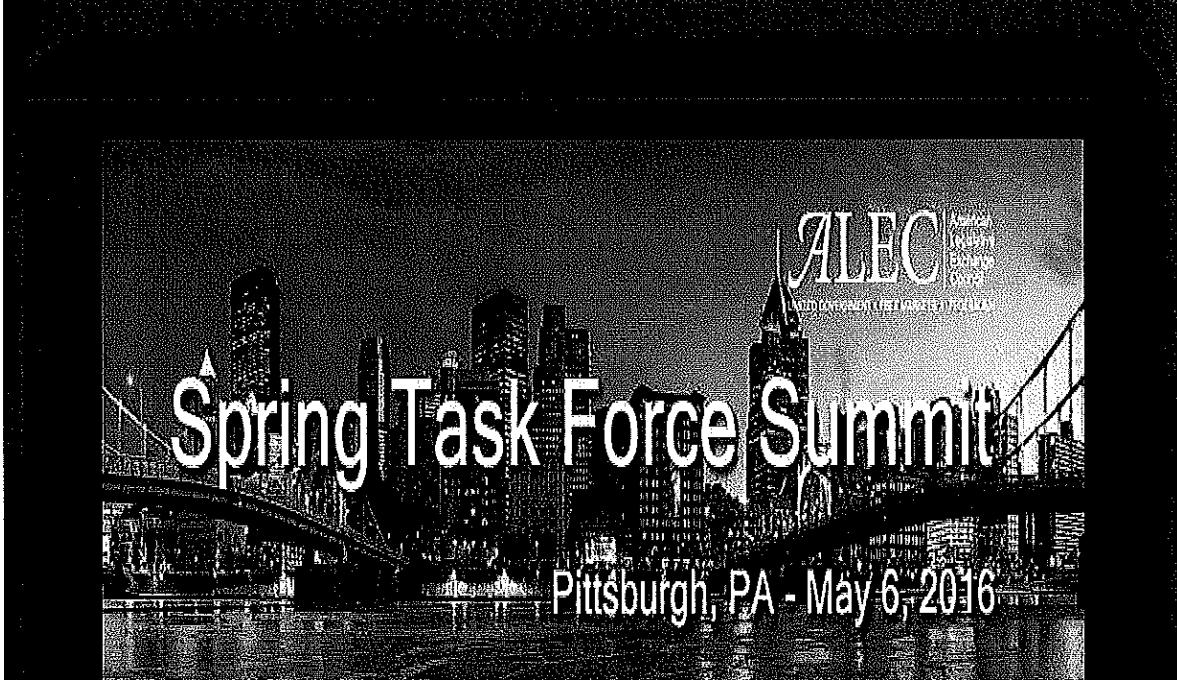
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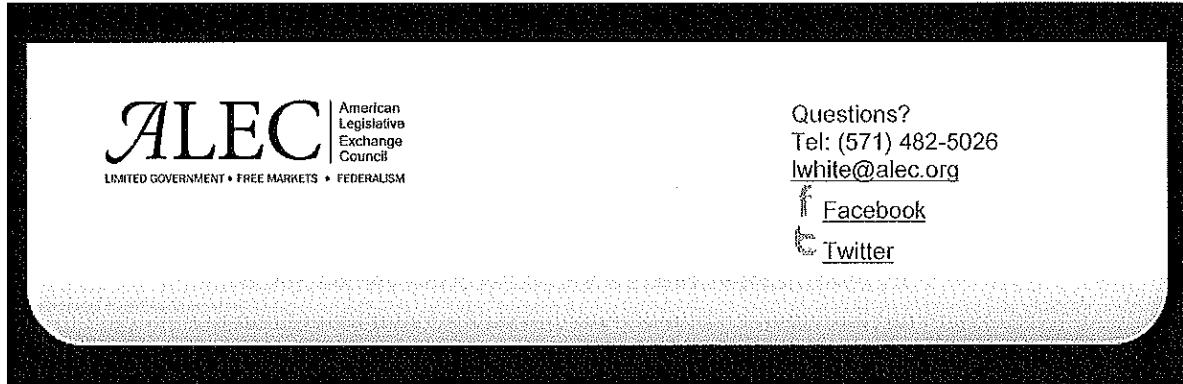


**Registration is now OPEN for our
2016 Spring Task Force Summit!**

We are excited to announce that registration for our 2016 Spring Task Force Summit in Pittsburgh, PA is now open. Please join us as we bring together ALEC Task Force members to discuss and exchange policy ideas. We are looking forward to a great meeting. Hope you will join us!

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Ohio by the Numbers - December 2015

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February 1, 2016

OHIO'S ECONOMY ENDS 2015 ON HIGH NOTE

December's jobs report is positive overall, but energy sector is reeling

COLUMBUS, OHIO--Ohio's labor market enjoyed a strong finish to 2015. Total employment rose by 15,000 jobs, the largest one-month increase since January. However, jobs numbers for the mining sector, which includes oil and gas, reflect the negative impact of low commodity prices and costly regulations.

"December marks the third consecutive month of labor force participation rate increases," said Joe Nichols, a policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center. "Employment grew strongly in the final month of the year. However, the good news did not impact everyone as the mining sector experienced more layoffs and is down 11.5% from the previous year. Oil, gas, and coal are in dire straits. In 2016, policymakers should be careful not to kick this industry while it's down. Despite hard times, the energy industry holds plenty of promise for Ohio if bad policy doesn't get in its way."

Key results:

- **Unemployment rate.** The jobless rate rose to 4.7% in November, up from 4.5% a month earlier, but down from 5.1% a year earlier.
- **Labor force participation rate.** The percentage of working-age Ohioans who have a job or are looking for work rose to 62.5% in November, up from 62.4% a month earlier.
- **Total jobs.** Ohio added 15,200 total jobs compared to the previous month (seasonally adjusted) and 82,700 jobs from a year earlier.
- **Private jobs.** Ohio added 15,900 private sector jobs from the previous month and 82,000 jobs from a year earlier.
- **Government jobs.** Federal, state, and local governments lost 700 jobs from the previous month, but remain 700 jobs higher from a year earlier.

Nationally, right-to-work states continue to outperform forced unionization states (including Ohio) in private sector employment, growing by 9.8% compared to 7.9% in forced union states.

Overall, Ohio had a total of 5,451,500 workers holding jobs that paid wages or salaries in December, according to federal data.

The good and the bad in December:

Winners

- **Nondurable goods manufacturing.** The industry added 3,300 jobs, up 1.5%.
- **Wholesale trade.** The sector gained 2,500 jobs, a 1.1% increase.

Losers

- **Mining and logging.** The industry saw a 1.4% drop.
- **Arts, entertainment, and recreation.** This sector employed 2,300 fewer people, a loss of 3.1% of its workforce, a decline that appears to be weather-related.

To view the full report, click [here](#).

Ohio by the Numbers

Labor Force Report

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Heritage Ohio Hosting Real Estate Development Workshop in Portsmouth SEP

Join us in Portsmouth, Ohio on February 24th to learn what can be done to foster more real estate development in your community. Developers, big and small, and civic leaders will discuss various projects and how they progressed. Attendees will learn what can be done to foster more development in their own community. Read more and register [HERE](#) SEP

Community Development Funding Opportunities Through USDA Webinar this Week SEP

Small towns and rural areas often are underserved when it comes to accessing capital. Infrastructure, access to affordable housing, finding resources for community projects, and job creation are challenges many communities experience. USDA Rural Development is the federal agency tasked with assisting rural America. In fiscal year 2015 alone, we provided more than \$780 million in loans and grants to rural communities in Ohio. Our programs help businesses, communities, non-profits and individuals build capacity, create wealth and reduce poverty. USDA Rural Development specialists have vast experience identifying partners and then working together toward the betterment of Ohio's rural

communities. We look forward to discussing how our programs may be able to help your community. Webinars are free for Heritage Ohio members. Read more [HERE](#)

Heritage Ohio is Seeking Presenters for the 2016 Annual Conference^[1] Heritage Ohio's Annual Revitalization & Preservation Conference will be held October 10-12, 2016 in Cincinnati Ohio. Sessions will be 30, 60 or 75 minutes. The audience at the conference is expected to be 300. With concurrent sessions we would project 30-45 participants in an individual session. The audience is made up of: Main Street managers, Main Street board members, revitalization activists, municipal staff members, economic development professionals, historic preservation activists, developers, and preservation consultants. Session selections will be made by March 15, 2016. Selection criteria will be focused on downtown revitalization strategies, activity based sessions will be prioritized. Read more [HERE](#)

2016 Old House Fair Demonstrators Needed^[2]

Heritage Ohio's second Old House Fair will be held in May in Historic Downtown Medina and we are putting the out the call for demonstrators to submit session proposals. We are looking for artisans interested in teaching and/or demonstration on masonry, plaster, windows, stonework, painting, energy efficiency, and controlling moisture, just to name a few ideas. Read more [HERE](#)

Ohio Arts Council Hosting Planning and Budgeting for Fundraising Success Webinar

Does your organization build a fundraising budget based on data, or does your organization just "fill the gap?" You know, that magical number that is pre-determined by the finance team or others to cover the difference between projected expenses and other income streams? If you operate in a "fill the gap" environment, you're not alone. Join Kerri Mollard, Founder and CEO of Mollard Consulting, LLC for this informative webinar. Kerri will provide tools to help you create a budget forecast based on average gift size, donor retention rates, and grant probabilities. This webinar will provide timely information to help you solidify your future budgeting plans. Read more [HERE](#)

National Endowment for the Arts Announces Creativity Connects Grant
The Creativity Connects pilot grant opportunity is a dive into the unknown for the National Endowment for the Arts. The hope is that this initiative will expand the NEA's reach well past its traditional constituents and embrace businesses and organizations in non-arts sectors of the economy that have much to learn from as well as much to teach to artists and arts organizations in all disciplines. Read more [HERE](#)

National Creative Placemaking Fund is Accepting Project Proposals
The National Creative Placemaking Fund is excited to announce that \$10.5 million is available to fund projects that work with artists and arts organizations help build stronger, healthier communities anywhere in the United States. Applications will need to be submitted by Wednesday, March 2, 2016 (register no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2016).
Read more [HERE](#)

Playful City USA Seeking Community Applications
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Main Street Tip of the Week – 7 Ways to Appreciate Volunteers
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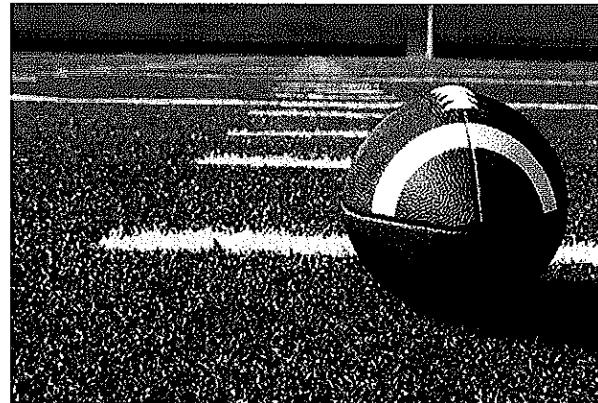
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CHARTER GAME. Super Bowl 50 teams have endured a season-long struggle to reach their ultimate goal. Like these gridiron warriors, advocates of school choice in Kentucky have struggled and persisted in their efforts to enact a charter school law. For the sake of the children, we hope they win.



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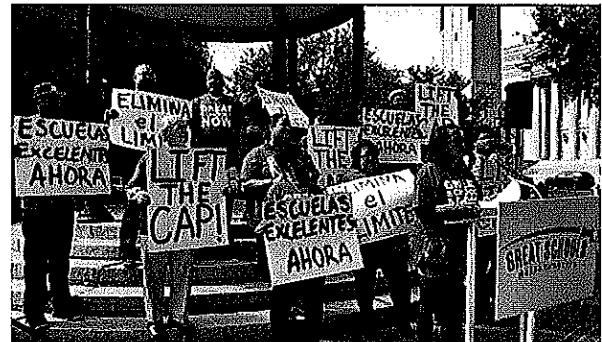
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UNIONS' POLITICAL SPENDING. Early spending of upwards of \$7M from both the AFT and NEA backing 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is just the “tip of the iceberg,” reports *Politico*. Both unions came out early backing Hil, which explains why she’s been singing the same off-key tune as unions when it comes to charter schools.

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CAP LIFT. There’s a bi-partisan agreement in MA in support of lifting the cap on charter schools, as the Democratic Speaker and Republican Governor are both speaking out on behalf of the 37,000 children on charter school waitlists.



NC ACHIEVEMENT DISTRICT. Kudos to NC Rep. Rob Bryan for improving opportunities for kids with a proposed new Achievement District that would convert the state’s lowest performing schools into charter schools.

MORE CHOICES FOR INDIANA. The first-ranked Parent Power state is looking to expand choices for more working-class families with a bill that would extend the state’s voucher program to families making up to \$97,000 annually and allow funds to be used for other education-related expenses such as textbooks and tutoring, for example.

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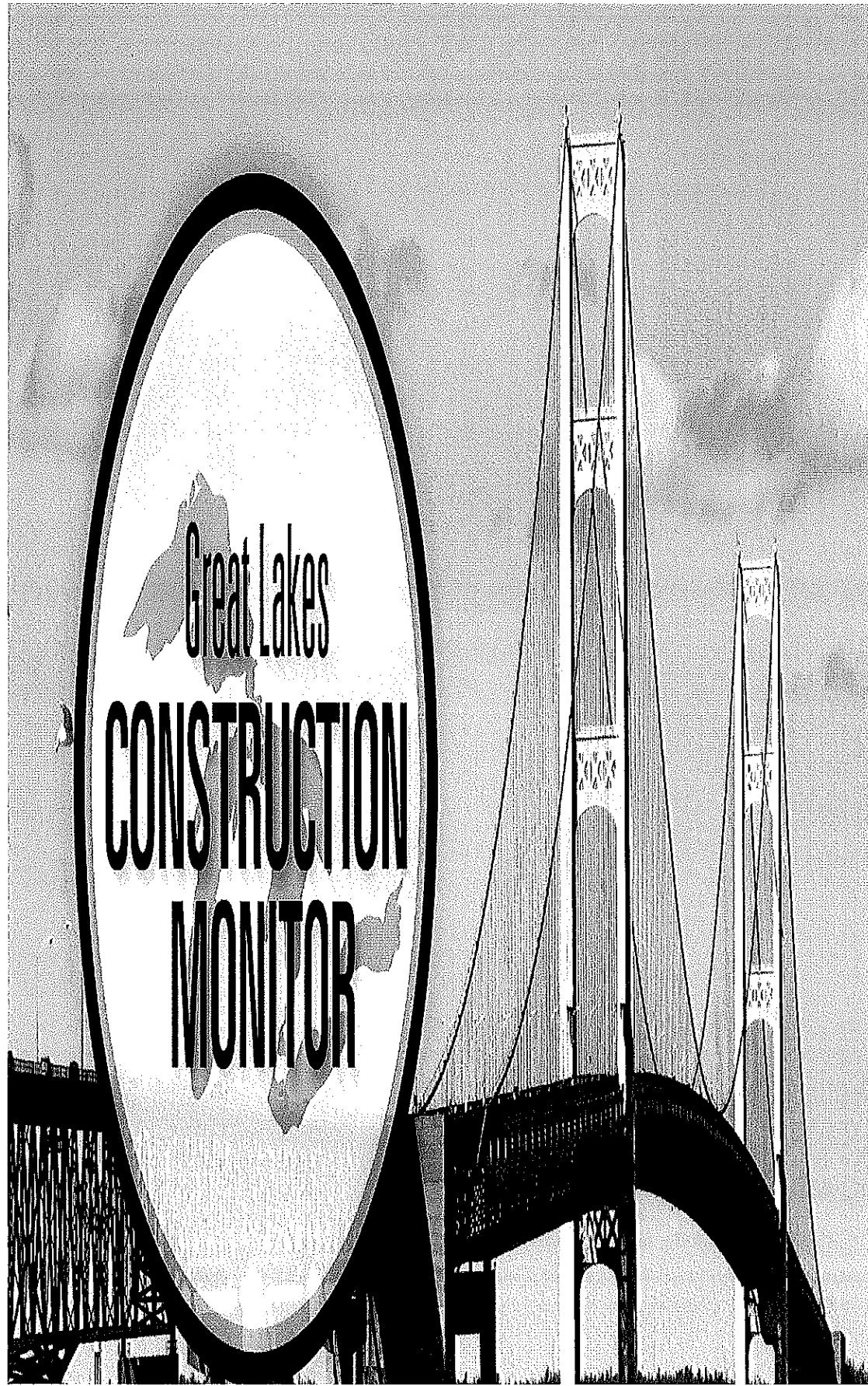
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Electricians for TaylorMade Electric, LLC – an electrical contracting firm located in Toledo, Ohio have elected The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 8 as their exclusive collective-bargaining representative.

The Election was certified by the National Labor Relations Board Region 8, United States of America.

Joe Cousino – *Business Manager* for Local 8 said “we are excited to be partnering with *TaylorMade* and look forward to making both the company and its employees more successful. We fully expect *TaylorMade* to grow and will do our best to help facilitate their success.”

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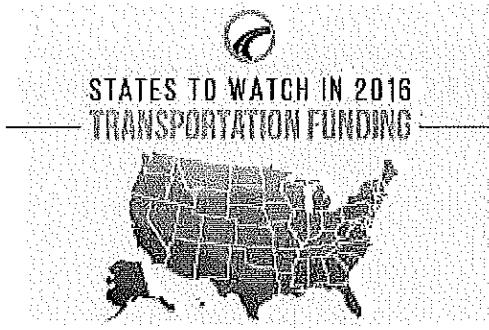


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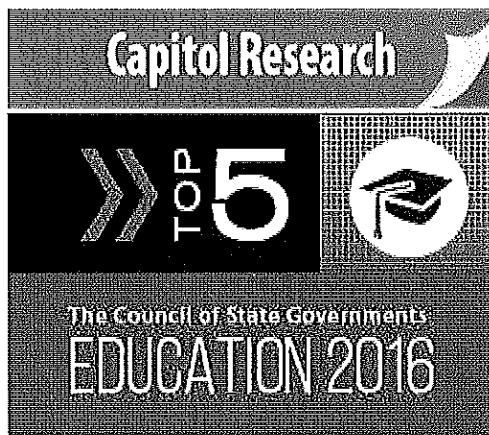
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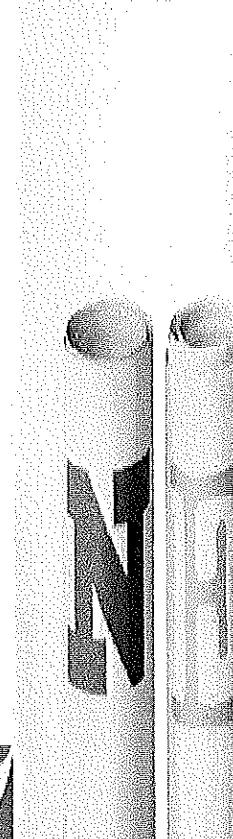
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WIOA, College Affordability Top Education Issues in 2016

As state leaders outline their goals for 2016, educators and policy makers are developing strategies that ensure America's students receive a high-quality education. In addition, state leaders are addressing workforce challenges that inhibit economic growth. CSG Director of Education Policy, Dr. Michael Whitehouse and Senior Policy Adviser Jeff Stockdale outline the key issues and proposed education policy for 2016.



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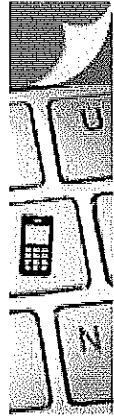


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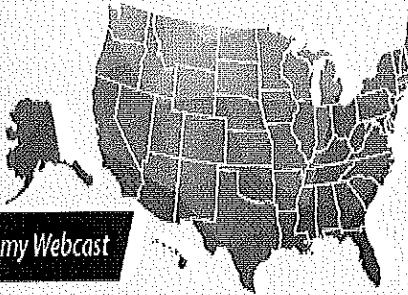


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BUCKEYE WINS TWO POLICY VICTORIES IN TWO DAYS

Ohio Senate votes to end salon manager's license, Supreme Court halts Clean Power Plan

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute praised two important decisions today, one by the Ohio Senate and the other by the U.S. Supreme Court. Both decisions supported key policy priorities of Buckeye's work advancing economic freedom in Ohio and nationwide.

"Buckeye's victories this week in Columbus and Washington advance Ohioans one step closer to relief from burdensome regulations that hurt small businesses and working families," said Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute. "We're proud to be on the front lines fighting for sound policy in both the General Assembly and in federal court."

Buckeye's latest policy wins:

Salon manager's license.

The Ohio Senate voted 32-0 this afternoon to unanimously eliminate a pointless and costly occupational license that forced cosmetologists to get a special state license to get promoted to

store manager. The reform had been stalled for years because of opposition from private cosmetology schools, which sell training for the licenses.

The Buckeye Institute brought increased scrutiny to this harmful license through testimony, a social media campaign, and the release of *Forbidden to Succeed: How Licensure Laws Hold Ohioans Back*. The study -- detailing 31 over-licensed and over-regulated modest-income professions -- was released at a Statehouse event in which legislators spoke in favor of ending the unnecessary salon manager's license.

Clean Power Plan. The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday evening halted implementation of President Obama's plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. This decision caught many observers by surprise, but not Buckeye's research staff. Joe Nichols, a policy analyst in Buckeye's Economic Research Center and an energy policy expert, correctly predicted that the courts would put the regulatory overreach on hold because it clearly violates state sovereignty and recent Supreme Court decisions.

The Court's decision elevates the importance of our other legal challenges to the Clean Power Plan. The Buckeye Institute is suing the Obama Administration over these illegal rules. In addition, Buckeye has aggressively challenged the plan in the regulatory process.

The Buckeye Institute will remain on the front lines on both of these issues. The future is brighter today than it was two days ago thanks to these great decisions by the Supreme Court and the Ohio Senate.

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THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE HIRES CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXPERT

Attorney will build on the Institute's nation-leading success in criminal justice reforms

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Buckeye Institute announced on Thursday that attorney Daniel J. Dew has joined its staff as the organization's Criminal Justice Fellow, a full-time research position that will support The Buckeye Institute's expanding role leading criminal justice reform in Ohio and nationwide.

Dew is a widely published author on criminal justice issues and a former Visiting Legal Fellow at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. At Buckeye, Dew will focus on Ohio's current effort to comprehensively revise its criminal code for the first time since 1971, as well as reforming Ohio's civil asset forfeiture law, expanding Ohio's first-and-best-in-the-nation criminal intent reform to other states and the federal government, and researching, innovating, and writing about a variety of criminal justice policy reforms.



Daniel J. Dew

"Daniel is a national expert on criminal law, and we are pleased to bring him on to expand Buckeye's capacity to formulate sound criminal justice policy for Ohio that can be easily replicated in other states," said The Buckeye Institute's President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Alt, who previously taught criminal law at Case Western Reserve University Law School.

Dew will provide research and testimony to the Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee, a blue-ribbon panel created by the legislature and charged with the significant task of recommending comprehensive revisions to the state's criminal code by August 1.

"As a native Ohioan, I'm very excited to be back home and to join The Buckeye Institute, which is leading the nation in achieving significant criminal justice reforms and building left-right coalitions to advance sound policy. I'm absolutely thrilled to work on an issue as vital to a free society as criminal justice reform, and to do so at The Buckeye Institute, which is fortunate to have one of the best criminal law scholars in the country as its President and CEO," said Dew, a graduate of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

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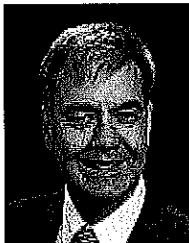
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Higher Education MBR Expands Community College Options, Implements Affordability Recommendations

The administration continues its focus on lowering the cost of college degrees in a higher education mid-biennium review plan unveiled Monday.

The proposal would allow community colleges to offer up to 10 bachelor's degree programs and would create a pilot program in which high school students can receive college credit for math and English remediation courses.

Among other MBR provisions Chancellor John Carey announced at a press event at Lorain County Community College, universities would be required to implement a handful of recommendations from the governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education. (Fact Sheet)



John Carey

"The issue of college affordability is more important than ever. Across the country, the cost of college has far outpaced consumer price index and even healthcare costs. That cost has put the American dream of a college degree out of reach for a growing number of students and families. This is unacceptable," Mr. Carey said.

"Controlling college costs to ensure that more Ohioans can obtain a college degree or credential remains a top priority for Governor Kasich and the General Assembly."

Additional provisions in the bill that Rep. Tim Brown (R-Bowling Green) is expected to introduce on Tuesday include:

- Requiring the Department of Education to study income-sharing agreements as a possible strategy to reducing student loan debt.
- Becoming the 10th state to join the Midwest Exchange Program, which is a tuition reciprocity program that would allow students to enroll in programs at other

states' institutions at a tuition rate that's lower than what typical out-of-state students would pay.

- Creating more "3+1" pathways between two- and four-year institutions so that students are studying at cheaper community colleges longer.
- Joining a partnership with the Western Governors University to award degrees in four areas based on competency and not just the amount of time spent in the classroom.

Joining Mr. Carey were higher education leaders who applauded the plans to expand efforts to reduce higher education costs by supporting dual enrollment programs and pushing collaboration between universities and colleges.

Other speakers included: Lorain County Community College President Roy Church; Sinclair Community College President Steve Johnson; Ray Craig, dean of Bowling Green State University's College of Arts and Sciences; Frank Calzonetti, vice president of government affairs at the University of Toledo; Sen. Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville); and two LCCC students.

In particular, they spoke to the success of 3+1 programs and pointed at the MBR plans as a necessary step toward bringing the initiative to scale statewide.

Mr. Church said students at his two-year institution have saved millions of dollars and shaved years off their higher education careers by taking at least 75% of their classes there before earning a bachelor's degree from a university.

"You can use College Credit Plus and 3+1 and we can assure you that you can graduate with a bachelor's degree by age 20 at less than 20% of the cost of taking that same baccalaureate degree if you had to leave Lorain County and go to (a university offering a) four-year degree," he said. "It's not saying one pathway is better than another, it's saying we need all the pathways we can get in Ohio."

Universities are also supportive of plans to move students more quickly through higher education and at a lower cost, Mr. Craig said.

Bowling Green has been among those schools offering a 3+1 program for more than a decade and CCP has brought some first generation students to the university that may have never pictured themselves there otherwise, he said.

"We've been doing this already for well over a decade. We know that it works. It can be successful for our citizens, our universities and community colleges," Mr. Craig said.

Messers. Church and Craig said they're hopeful that state support for the program will give it the push it needs to mount in the same way dual enrollment has since the Department of Higher Education and ODE began pushing CCP last year.

Mr. Johnson added that community colleges offering bachelor's degrees that aren't available at nearby universities will also be beneficial because it will allow them to offer credentials in career fields that are specific to the region.

Twenty-five other states permit community colleges to offer advanced degrees, he said.

"This is the kind of policy bill that will help us move forward," Mr. Johnson said, referring to Lumina Foundation research that has determined Ohio needs to increase its percentage of residents with a post-secondary degree from 35% to 65% to fill job demands in the coming years.

When the MBR plan was revealed, Jack Hershey, president of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, also touted its potential benefits.

"These reforms proposed today shine the light on a pathway that has emerged under Governor Kasich that allows students to obtain a degree from their favorite university, while saving up to 80% off the traditional cost of attendance by completing as much of their coursework as possible at a community college," he said in a statement. "The ability for middle class families, single parents, and working adults to obtain a debt-free college degree is once again a reality in Ohio."

Inter-University Council of Ohio President Bruce Johnson said the organization is still examining the proposals to determine its stance, but is supportive of the administration's ongoing efforts to expand higher education options.

"Overall, I think that we appreciate the chancellor's focus on affordability and access and we think that a large and growing percentage of students who are entering public institutions of higher education are choosing public universities and that's because of their evaluation of the value that public universities provide," he said in an interview.

"Certainly providing really good, high-quality choices is great because the state needs to focus on bridging its education gap," Mr. Johnson added.

Education 'Deregulation' Bill Amendments On Hold, Chairman Says

A bill slated for a number of revisions, including holding charter school sponsors harmless for report card scores, has been pulled from the House Education Committee's agenda.

Chairman Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) said last week that the measure (SB 3) would see "quite a few" changes over the course of back-to-back meetings scheduled for Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 19, 2016)

However, the Monday meeting was canceled late last week and Tuesday's has been moved to 2 p.m. The bill and a presentation from the Department of Education were removed from the agenda of the latter meeting.

The delay is caused by a desire on behalf of the legislature and the administration to continue working on the bill before any changes are made public, Rep. Brenner said. He expects any disagreements to be resolved by the time the House returns to session the week of March 14.

"Hopefully we'll get the issues resolved between now and when we come back," he said in an interview.

The chairman was reluctant to reveal what the planned omnibus amendment will include or what proposals are proving to be the most contentious, but said changes will address policy decisions made in the last year.

Despite reports that the proposals would seek to weaken recently enacted charter school overhauls, Rep. Brenner said he doesn't think that's the case.

"There is a discussion of some other issues around equivalency, but that goes back to prior legislation," he said.

Sen. Peggy Lehnen, the Senate Education Committee chairwoman who was behind a number of the HB2 provisions, said attempts to water them down have been unsuccessful.

"I haven't heard of anything that's giving me heartburn," she said of potential updates to the so-called education de-regulation bill. "I know that there have been efforts to put some things in but to my knowledge they're not going in the bill and therefore I'm fine with it."

The chairwoman added that she's supportive of plans to provide safe harbor for charter school sponsors from state report card grades as long as it's only for the 2014-15 school year.

In its original state, the measure is aimed at rewarding high-performing school districts by releasing them from some state requirements.

Former Lawmakers Look To Replace Faber In The Senate

Matt Huffman and John Adams, both of whom left the House in 2014 due to term limits, are running for the seat that comprises Allen, Champaign, Shelby and Mercer counties along with portions of Auglaize, Logan and Darke counties.

Mr. Adams, a businessman and former Navy SEAL, did not respond to multiple attempts to contact him.

Mr. Huffman, a private attorney who rose to the ranks of speaker pro tempore in his first tenure in the legislature, said he has always been drawn to public service.

Prior to his time in the General Assembly he served on the Lima City Council for 14 years, including seven as the body's president.

"If you feel like you can contribute you need to do that in whatever way you can," Mr. Huffman said.

If elected, Mr. Huffman said he hopes to boost manufacturing in the district through increased vocational training and remove disincentives to work.

"We can't fill jobs," he said. "We have jobs that are going unfilled."

More educational dollars should be spent on vocational training and less should be spent on welfare programs, according to Mr. Huffman.

"We understand that in bad times people lose their jobs and they need a little bit of a boost," he said, but added, "Everybody has to do a job at some point in their life that they don't like."

Mr. Huffman also said he will push for a more business-friendly climate in Ohio by fighting efforts to raise revenues through what he deems as backdoor tax increases - "retroactive fines, penalties, things of that nature," he said.

"There should never be a surprise from the government that money is owed by a business, especially when there is a newly acquired business," he said.

Providing clarity in the rule-making process and moving from an income tax to a sales tax are also priorities of Mr. Huffman.

During his first stint in the legislature, Mr. Huffman said one of his crowning achievements was the passage of legislation to standardize contracts between health care providers and insurance companies (HB125, 127th General Assembly). He said the law could likely use some updating.

"Six years since that bill was passed there's been a lot of backsliding in that regard," he said.

Mr. Huffman, who considers himself to be a "small government, pro-low tax, pro-life, pro-second amendment Republican," believes he has a proven track record of getting things done in the Statehouse that would be of value to the legislature.

"You can be whatever you say you want to be, but you also have to be effective," he said. "That's why we're able to pass a pretty conservative agenda."

During his tenure in the House, Mr. Adams was considered among the more right-leaning members of a conservative majority under then-Speaker Bill Batchelder. He was elected twice to serve in caucus leadership.

Along with the usual conservative causes such as tax cuts and anti-abortion initiatives, Mr. Adams was a staunch proponent of oil and gas drilling in parks and other state lands and sponsored legislation to that effect (HB133, 129th General Assembly).

His anti-abortion efforts included a bill to require paternal consent for abortions (HB252, 128th General Assembly).

Outside of his General Assembly activities, Mr. Adams served as the Ohio legislative chair of American Legislative Exchange Council.

No Democrat filed to run for the heavily Republican seat.

After One Candidate Drops Out, Three Republicans Face Off In House District 47 Primary

An ex-mayor, a school board member, and a Toledo business owner are elbowing for a shot at the 47th House District seat occupied by term limited Rep. Barbara Sears (R-Maumee).

A fourth GOP contender - Monclova Township trustee and Mercy St. Vincent Foundation Development Director Barbara Lang - last month dropped out of the race following discussions with party leaders, saying a crowded primary is not in voters' best interest.

Among the remaining candidates are realtor and former Waterville Mayor Derek Merrin, Sylvania school board member Vicki Donovan Lyle, and business owner and former Sylvania township trustee Kevin Haddad.

The winner of that contest will face Democrat Michael Sarantou of Sylvania Township come November.

The trio of GOP candidates spoke in interviews about their goals for the district if elected.

Mr. Merrin, who has earned endorsements from Rep. Sears, Rep. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon), and Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green), served on the Waterville City Council between 2007-2008

He was first elected in 2007, unseating a three-term Democrat and becoming the youngest mayor in Ohio at the time when he took office in 2008. He credits that win to a message of fiscal conservatism and open government.

"I governed as a strong fiscal conservative who opposed tax increases," he said. "I implemented many cost savings reforms. I'm a strong believer we must empower our local officials by addressing state laws that restrict their ability to govern."

After his term ended and he decided not to seek reelection, he spent four years working for the state auditor's office and is now a realtor and real estate investor.

"My number one priority will be creating an environment that ignites Ohio's economic engine," he said. "I believe our state needs pro-growth reforms to our tax code, regulatory rules, and legislation that furthers individual freedoms."

Ms. Lyle has served on the Sylvania school board since 2004 and owns a business specializing in health insurance and benefit consulting.

She said her experience as a school board member overseeing a district with an \$82 million budget has given her an appreciation for public office and the accountability that comes with it.

"We're expected to keep ourselves fiscally solvent and responsible and accountable in a transparent way to the community," she said. "All of those critical pieces are part of what any good elected official (does) in terms of having that kind of background and experience that's going to translate to the bigger stage."

She said she wants to reduce the state's role in the classroom, by decreasing standardized testing and "teaching to the test." Other priorities include better matching job opportunities with potential workers and addressing the financial burden she said is placed on individuals and businesses to secure healthcare.

If elected, she said, she'd focus on being open and accessible to constituents.

"I've had 30-plus years in the workforce having my own business as a small business owner," she said. "In addition to that, I think my time on the school board has served me well to understand that listening is a primary component for an elected official. It's not about our agenda, but what are the concerns for our constituents."

Mr. Haddad is a former president of the Township Association of Lucas County. He's also a real estate owner and for 40 years owned and operated a Toledo hair salon.

After being elected township trustee in 2009, Mr. Haddad lost reelection in 2013. He previously mounted a failed bid as an independent in 2012 for a county commissioner seat. After finding difficulty winning local races as a conservative, he said, he believes he'll have greater odds in a Statehouse race.

"For me, it's not about the job, not about the money," he said. "It's about fixing the state up before it gets wiped out."

He said he wants to reverse cuts to the local government fund enacted in recent years, but also institute new accountability measures to monitor how those funds are used.

"If we restore the local government fund in a way that would go to each community - I'm not going to give it to the counties - I'm going to ask a lot of people give us your budget

and we're going to audit you to make sure you spent that money properly on those issues," he said.

He said he'd push for an elimination of school levies, which he contends are "illegal and unconstitutional."

Mr. Merrin alleges his two opponents aren't conservatives and said he has widespread support in the district. He said he wants to better control government spending while lowering taxes.

"I'm the only conservative that is running," Mr. Merrin said, claiming that his opponents each "have a record of voting and supporting increased taxes."

"I'm the only candidate that has consistently opposed tax increases as an elected official," he said.

Ms. Lyle, in response, said her opponent was likely referring to a series of school levies voters had approved during her time on the school board. She said the board worked to ensure citizen comments were received when weighing potential cost savings efforts and levy proposals.

Like with all school levies, she said, it's not the school board approving the property tax increase but the voters. She said she would prefer no taxes be increased, but that the board is forced to act within the confines of the current funding system.

"We take every effort and every opportunity to be judicious and fiscally responsible and conservative as we can; we value and appreciate the taxpayers' investment," she said. "But we also understand we are limited in our options of how to raise revenue - of which that is one. So it is the voters who decide, not the school board, as to whether (an increase in) taxes will be put in place."

Mr. Haddad said he was able to pass three of his four priorities as a township trustee and that several cost saving measures he proposed were voted down by other trustees.

He criticized Mr. Merrin for his handling, while mayor, of an ordinance that would have barred sex offenders from living in certain parts of the city. The ordinance, which Mr. Haddad contends would have concentrated sex offenders in a handful of neighborhoods, was later scrapped by the city council in a 6-1 vote in 2008 following public opposition.

"When I was a trustee, I worked conservatively," Mr. Haddad said. "I can foresee the future on a lot of issues and I look at every angle of it and I make sure it's done as properly and accurately as possible so we don't have any problems."

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Kasich Jostles With Rubio For Bush Donors Following SC; Graham, Sabato Mull Potential Rubio-Kasich Ticket

Unlike Gov. Bush, the Kasich camp made clear early on it did not have high hopes for South Carolina, instead preferring to lay groundwork in friendlier upcoming Midwestern states like Michigan. Mr. Bush announced Saturday night he was suspending his campaign, a move that enabled Kasich backers to tout their candidates as the last governor standing.

Kasich for America Chief Strategist John Weaver said the South Carolina results show the field has been winnowed to a four man race and that Gov. Kasich has emerged victorious from the "governor's bracket."

"Only four candidates have top-three finishes in any of the early states and can justify staying in," he said. "While others were making their last stand in South Carolina, John Kasich strengthened his organization and support - despite being outspent by tens of millions of dollars. He also focused on the key states ahead for us, like Michigan, where he is currently second, Massachusetts and Vermont."

But Gov. Kasich faces an uphill battle jostling with Sen. Rubio to pick up remnants from Mr. Bush's failed campaign; those donors and staffers may be more drawn to the senator, who has raised more money and seen more success in the Iowa caucuses and SC primary than Gov. Kasich.

"John Kasich may be able to compete in places such as Massachusetts and Michigan in early March, and hang on to win Ohio with the hope that his delegates prove crucial," according to analysis from Sabato's Crystal Ball. "But he just isn't built to play in enough states, nor does he have a broad enough appeal in the GOP, to truly challenge for the nomination."

"Most mainstream Republicans will sooner or later move to Rubio, but will it be soon enough? He can't keep on finishing second or third - or fifth, as he did in New Hampshire. You have to start winning, but where?"

On Monday, former candidate and Bush backer Sen. Lindsay Graham mused during an interview that a Rubio-Kasich ticket "would be (a) very potent ticket in the fall and maybe help us stop Trump."

Added Sabato's Crystal Ball: "Rubio might want to consider a daring gambit - openly offering Kasich the vice presidential slot in exchange for the Ohio governor's support."

Gov. John Kasich finished fifth out of six candidates in the South Carolina Republican primary Saturday, landing far behind winner Donald Trump. Mr. Trump won 32.5% of the vote, while Mr. Kasich won the support of 7.6% of voters.

Sen. Rubio won a narrow second place victory at 22.5%, followed by Sen. Ted Cruz at 22.3%. Gov. Kasich fell just short of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who came in fourth with 7.8%. Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson earned 7.2% of the vote.

The Kasich campaign is banking on a successful showing in Michigan, where a weekend American Research Group poll ranked him in second at 17%, above Sens. Rubio and Cruz, who were each at 12%.

The Kasich campaign on Monday announced its Michigan team (full roster), which will be chaired by former congressman Pete Hoekstra, State Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, State House Speaker Pro Tempore Tom Leonard, and former RNC committeeman Chuck Yob.

With the field narrowing, Gov. Kasich is expected to face increasing calls to withdraw in an effort to consolidate support behind Sen. Rubio among establishment figures who hope to mount an effort to thwart Mr. Trump and Sen. Cruz from landing the nomination. Gov. Kasich's continued presence may siphon support that might otherwise be thrown at the freshman senator from Florida.

Kasich Gains/Loses Endorsements: On Sunday, the *Columbus Dispatch* reported that Kasich campaign Colorado co-chair B.J. Nikkel is endorsing Sen. Rubio. The paper quoted the former state lawmaker as saying "it's time for conservatives of conscience to rally behind the one man who can defeat New York billionaire Donald Trump."

At the same time, billionaire financier Stanley Druckenmiller threw his support behind Gov. Kasich, according to the *New York Times*.

"Mr. Druckenmiller confirmed in an email that he was supporting Mr. Kasich, but did not elaborate," the paper reported. "Last year, he donated more than \$450,000 to groups supporting Mr. Kasich, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey and former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida."

It remains to be seen who, if anyone, Mr. Bush might endorse. A *Politico* report Sunday cited those close to Mr. Bush as saying a Kasich endorsement was "unlikely." But an endorsement of Sen. Rubio might also be a stretch considering the pair's increasingly contentious relationship on the campaign trail in recent months.

Gov. Kasich landed several endorsements in recent days, including those from former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld, former Nevada GOP Chairwoman Amy Tarkanian, and Nevada Speaker John Hambrick. Also endorsing the governor are the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and the *Corpus Christie Caller Times* of Texas.

The Kasich campaign Sunday announced it has hired Mike Schrimpf, formerly chief communicator for Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, to oversee its communication outreach. Kerry Knott, former chief of staff to former U.S. Majority Leader Dick Armey has been hired as the campaign's senior policy adviser.

Coming Soon: GOP candidates will next focus on Nevada, where caucuses will be held on Tuesday. A CNN debate is scheduled for Thursday, though qualifying criteria have not yet been announced.

After Nevada is a key March 1 date, when nine states hold primaries and three states hold caucuses in the so called SEC Primary. Primaries will be held that day in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. Alaska, Colorado and Minnesota have caucuses on March 1.

The Kasich-backing super PAC New Day for America on Monday announced the rollout of its national political operation which will involve more than 50 staff members and 14 officers across 12 March primary states.

Targeted states include Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Vermont, Virginia, Kentucky, Maine, Hawaii, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio and North Carolina.

"Our Super PAC's focus on the ground game is unique and, just as we did in New Hampshire, we fully expect our team to impact the race for the nomination," New Day spokeswoman Connie Wehrkamp said. "We are strategically placing our focus and resources where we can make the biggest impact and ensure John Kasich, the one Republican who can win in November, is our nominee."

In a Monday Emerson poll of Massachusetts, conducted Feb. 19-21 with a 5.7 percentage point margin of error, Gov. Kasich placed third at 13%, behind Mr. Trump at 50% and Sen. Rubio at 16%.

Politics Notebook: Kasich Draws Attention For 'Kitchen' Remark, Signs PP 'Defund' Bill; Poll Shows 74% Of Ohioans Support Medicinal Pot...

Remarks from Gov. John Kasich on women leaving their kitchens to campaign for him drew quick backlash Monday, one day after the governor signed a bill to "defund" Planned Parenthood in Ohio.

The governor made the remark during a town hall in Fairfax, Va., as he sought to explain how he was elected to the Ohio Senate in 1978.

"We just got an army of people and many women who left their kitchens to go out and go door to door and put yard signs up for me," he said according to video that first caught attention.

The initial video, posted by a YouTube account that has released a handful of previous anti-Kasich videos, did not show how Mr. Kasich concluded the remark.

Subsequent video of the full remark added context, showing that Gov. Kasich went on to say that campaign occurred "all the way back when things were different. Now you call homes and everybody's out working. But at that time, early days, it was an army of the women that really helped me get elected to the state Senate."

Twitter users quickly seized upon the statement, followed closely by national media outlets.

Kasich for America spokesman Chris Schrimpf responded to the outcry, saying in a statement that the governor's campaigns have "literally been run out of his friends' kitchens and many of his early campaign teams were made up of stay-at-home moms who believed deeply in the changes he wanted to bring to them and their families."

"That's real grassroots campaigning and he's proud of that authentic support," Mr. Schrimpf said. "To try and twist his comments into anything else is just desperate politics."

The Ohio Democratic Party subsequently painted the governor as out of touch, accusing him of giving *Mad Men* television character and womanizer "Don Draper a run for his money."

The remarks came one day after the governor signed a bill (HB 294) to eliminate \$1.3 million in state funding to Planned Parenthood. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 10, 2016)

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund said the bill will have "devastating consequences for women" across the state.

"John Kasich is proudly eliminating care for expectant mothers and newborns; leaving thousands without vital STD and HIV testing, slashing a program to fight domestic violence, and cutting access to essential, basic health care," President Cecile Richards said. "It's clear Kasich has no regard for women's health or lives and will stop at nothing to slash health care for millions."

Ohio Right to Life, in contrast, praised the bill's signing.

"Thanks to the pro-life leadership of Gov. Kasich and his work with Ohio Right to Life, Ohio's abortion industry is shrinking," ORTL President Mike Gonidakis said. "As Planned Parenthood haggles over the hearts and brains of aborted babies, Ohio Right to Life is marking history with legislation that is both ethically consistent and fiscally responsible."

Pot Amendment: A poll released Monday by Marijuana Policy Project showed nearly three-fourths of Ohio voters support amending the constitution to legalize medical marijuana for those with terminal or debilitating petitions.

The poll, conducted by Public Policy Polling, shows that 74% of voters support a proposed amendment, with 22% opposed, according to a news release.

"It's become pretty common knowledge that marijuana can be incredibly beneficial in the treatment of a variety of medical conditions," Mason Tvert, a spokesman for Ohioans for Medical Marijuana, a committee that has been formed to support MPP's forthcoming ballot initiative, said in a statement.

"It's not surprising that a vast majority of voters agree patients should be allowed to consume it if their doctors think it could be helpful. There are few laws still on the books that are as unpopular as those that prohibit sick and dying people from accessing medical marijuana."

According to the poll, 85% of self-identified Democrats and 69% of self-identified Republicans said they supported legalizing medical marijuana.

Ohioans for Medical Marijuana is drafting a ballot initiative and expects to start the petition process later this month, according to the release. Another pro-marijuana group has already suspended its petition efforts in favor of supporting the MPP-backed proposal. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 19, 2016)

"Ohio's current marijuana policy is antiquated and inhumane," Mr. Tvert said. "We hope to give voters an opportunity to change that this November. We're confident that most Ohioans will support a well-written initiative that gives seriously ill people the right to use medical marijuana if their doctors recommend it."

8th Congressional District: Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) on Sunday announced he has earned the support of Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones and Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer in the race to succeed former U.S. Rep. John Boehner.

Sen. Beagle is among more than a dozen GOP candidates vying for the seat in an upcoming special election. Sen. Beagle and Rep. Tim Derickson (R-Oxford) are the two most high-profile contenders.

U.S. Senate Race: A poll from the Democratic polling outfit PPP shows U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) battling weak approval numbers.

The poll found the senator with a 30-39% approval rating, placing him "very much in the danger zone for reelection based on those low approval numbers," according to the group.

Former Gov. Ted Strickland and Cincinnati Councilman PG Sittenfeld are competing in the Democratic primary for the chance to unseat Sen. Portman.

Mr. Sittenfeld on Friday criticized Gov. Strickland for failing to show up to a Monday event at the Cleveland City Club where Mr. Sittenfeld had hoped the candidates would debate. Gov. Strickland has repeatedly rebuffed Mr. Sittenfeld's calls for debates, saying he'd prefer to focus on competing with Sen. Portman.

Court Briefs: High Court Sets Execution Date; Visiting Judge To Hear Case; Web Site On Judicial Candidates Updated

The state's high court has set an execution date for a man convicted of the 2004 killing a Toledo woman who lived who lived in the same apartment complex.

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Additional taxes make travel to Ohio more expensive, thereby harming Ohio's tourism industry and weakening the economy as a result. The Jeffersonian Project, the 501(c)4 affiliate of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), strongly opposes this new discriminatory service tax on the Ohio travel and tourism economy.

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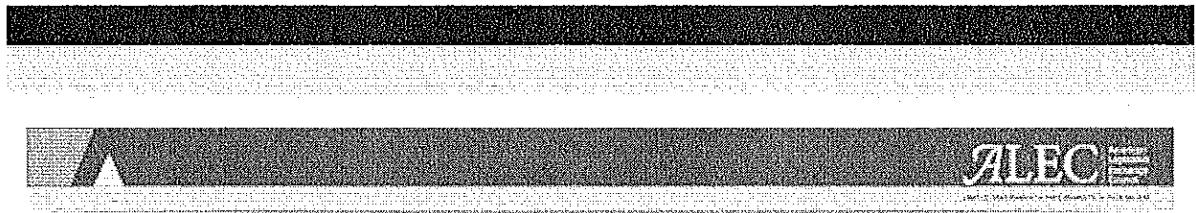
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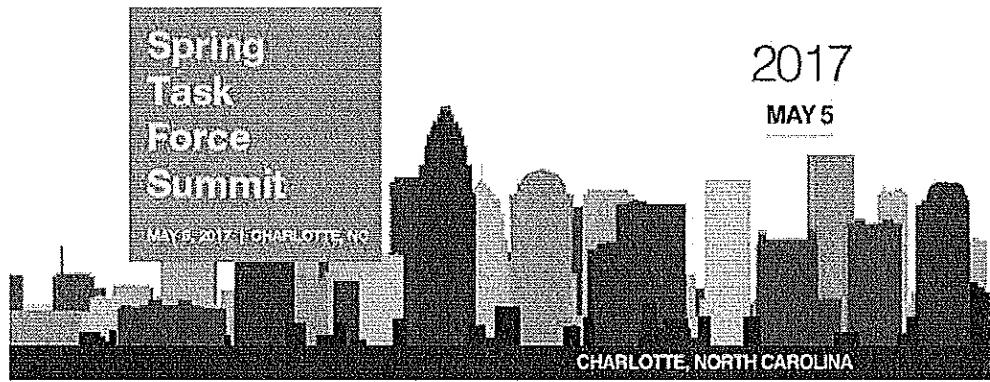
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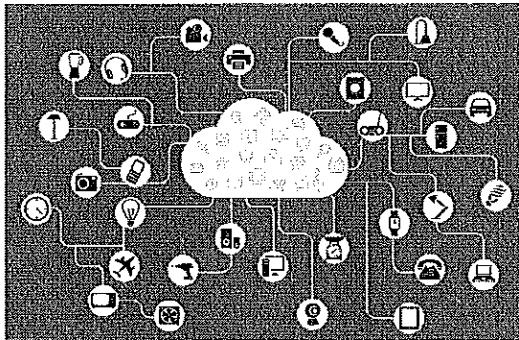


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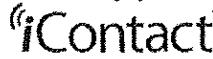
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House Conservatives Back Revamped ACA Repeal

House Republicans appear to have resuscitated their efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, as key conservative lawmakers on Wednesday signed on to a compromise measure that would alter protections for pre-existing conditions. [Read more »](#)

Senators Unveil Bill For Federal Regulation Reform

A bipartisan pair of U.S. senators announced Wednesday that they have introduced a piece of legislation aimed at federal regulatory agencies with the intent to reform the process by which those agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents. [Read more »](#)

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Dodd-Frank Rewrite Makes Minor Tweaks To Capital-Raising

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House Dems Seek To Slow GOP Dodd-Frank Repeal

Democrats on the House Financial Services Committee on Wednesday said they planned to hold their own hearing on a Republican bill that would effectively repeal the Dodd-Frank Act in a bid to slow down the legislation. Read more »

State Bank Regulators Sue To Stop OCC Fintech Charters

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Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Environmental Highlights From Trump's First 100 Days

President Donald Trump has focused much of his attention on environmental matters in his first 100 days in office, steering agencies away from the Obama administration's priorities and proposing budget cuts for the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency. Here are important actions taken by the Trump administration and others with the president's 100th day in office approaching. [Read more »](#)

AGs Urge Congress To Oppose Rollback Of Ozone Standards

More than a dozen Democratic attorneys general on Wednesday called on Congress to block legislation that would roll back and weaken ozone standards, saying the bill undermines the Clean Air Act and, if implemented, would mark a major step backward in combating pollution. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Push EPA To Crack Down On Polluting Power Plants

A coalition of environmental, conservation and public health groups have sent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a letter imploring the agency to act on requests by Connecticut, Maryland and Delaware for help curbing pollution from power plants in neighboring states that allegedly crosses their borders, according to an announcement Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

Mo. High Court Calls Clean Energy Constitutional Scrap Moot

The Missouri Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the dismissal of a suit accusing the Missouri Legislature of unconstitutionally interfering with a rule implementing renewable energy standards for the state's utilities, saying the suit was moot because state utility regulators have since issued a new rule. [Read more »](#)

Federal Election Commission

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Illinois General Assembly

Internal Revenue Service

NAFTA

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Navajo Nation

New York Attorney General's Office

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Pennsylvania Supreme Court

Securities and Exchange Commission

U.S. Army

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of State

U.S. Department of Transportation

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. General Services Administration

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Supreme Court

FEC Urged To Investigate Citgo's Trump Inauguration Kick-In

A democracy watchdog has asked the Federal Election Commission to immediately investigate President Donald Trump's inaugural committee after it emerged that a U.S. subsidiary of a Venezuelan state-owned oil company chipped in \$500,000 to the inauguration, saying the contribution violates a federal ban on foreign donations. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

SEPTA Shielded From Philly Anti-Bias Law, Pa. Justices Say

A divided Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld a ruling finding that the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority could take advantage of sovereign immunity to avoid claims brought under Philadelphia's anti-discrimination ordinance. [Read more »](#)

EEOC Sues Massage Co. For Firing Worker Over Ebola Fears

A Massage Envy franchise operator broke the law when it fired an employee who planned to travel to Ghana over fears that she would carry the Ebola virus upon her return to the United States, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said in a lawsuit filed on Wednesday in Florida federal court. [Read more »](#)

Fla. High Court Won't Halt Cases After State Atty Removal

The Florida Supreme Court said late Tuesday it will not stop 23 homicide cases from moving forward without the original state prosecutor assigned to them, while it considers her challenge to Gov. Rick Scott's authority to remove her due to her reluctance to pursue the death penalty in a high-profile double murder. [Read more »](#)

III. Panel Votes To Strip Hastert Of Lawmaker Pension

Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert will not continue collecting his \$28,000 annual pension from his days serving in the Illinois General Assembly, per a vote Wednesday from a panel that oversees the legislative retirement system. [Read more »](#)

Silicon Valley Co. Owes \$1.6M In Back Pay In Hiring Bias Deal

Silicon Valley company Palantir Technologies Inc. will pay more than \$1.6 million in back wages and promise to hire eligible class members to resolve accusations of systemic hiring discrimination against Asian applicants at the company's Palo Alto, California, facility in a deal announced Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Labor. [Read more »](#)

COMPETITION

Delrahim Confirmation Hearing Postponed Over Paperwork

The Senate Judiciary Committee has postponed a hearing scheduled for Wednesday to consider the nomination of Makan Delrahim to head the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust division because his required paperwork was not yet completed. [Read more »](#)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Watchdog Wants Senate Probe Of Trump DC Hotel Ethics

An ethics watchdog nonprofit has requested a Senate committee investigation into whether President Donald Trump is violating ethics regulations and a lease from the federal government on the building currently occupied by Trump International Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. [Read more »](#)

Trump Set To Sign Order To Overhaul VA Employee Discipline

President Donald Trump will sign an executive order Thursday setting up a new office within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs intended to come up with ways to help it more effectively punish or fire misbehaving employees and better protect whistleblowers, VA Secretary David Shulkin said. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Canadian MP: Trump 'Shooting Himself In The Foot' On NAFTA

As President Donald Trump continues to push for renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, he may be "shooting himself in the foot" with his recent tough talk on Canada's dairy and lumber policies, Canadian Parliament member Gerry Ritz told Law360 on Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

Aluminum Probe Marks Trump Admin.'s 2nd Use Of Rare Law

The Donald Trump administration on Wednesday launched a new investigation assessing national security threats from aluminum imports that could potentially lead to new tariffs, wielding an obscure trade law that allows for such probes for the second time in seven days. [Read more »](#)

TAX

Louisiana's Controversial Gross Receipts Tax Put On Ice

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards accepted defeat Tuesday on the Democrat's controversial proposal for a commercial activity tax for businesses based on their gross receipts, an end-run around limitations on taxing out-of-state companies also being attempted elsewhere that was pulled by the bill's sponsor. [Read more »](#)

Lawmakers Introduce Biodiesel Tax Credit Bill

A bipartisan group of lawmakers on Tuesday announced that they have introduced a piece of

legislation to reform the country's biodiesel tax credit, saying that the bill would help support U.S. products. [Read more »](#)

NY Tax Dept. Deems Web-Based Software Sales Taxable

New York tax authorities have determined that sales tax applies to online file-sharing software used by corporate boards of directors in an advisory opinion released Tuesday, but allowed for proportional exclusions for out-of-state board members and exempt internet access functions. [Read more »](#)

EU Directs 4 Years In Jail For Major Tax Fraud, Corruption

A directive adopted Tuesday by the Council of the European Union will require member nations to implement criminal laws including a maximum penalty of at least four years in prison for major tax evasion, fraud, corruption and other white collar crimes harming the EU budget. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Will Undo Obama-Era Open Internet Framework, Pai Says

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai revealed the details of his long-anticipated plan to take aim at 2015 net neutrality rules on Wednesday, pledging this year to "finish the job" on undoing the reclassification of broadband as a common carrier service. [Read more »](#)

Ford Pushes FCC On Vehicle-To-Vehicle Communications

Ford Motor Co. announced that it has met with Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai's staff on the subject of connected vehicles, saying that there must not be "harmful interference in the 5.9 GHz band." [Read more »](#)

FCC Urged To Ensure Solid Evidence Behind Mobile Support

The Competitive Carriers Association on Tuesday urged the Federal Communications Commission to make sure that a support mechanism for expanding mobile access uses sound data collection standards and relies on solid evidence to determine which geographic regions receive funds. [Read more »](#)

Fox Lobbies FCC To Renew NY Post Ownership Waiver

The Federal Communications Commission should permit the continued co-ownership of TV stations in New York and New Jersey and the New York Post, Fox told the agency Tuesday, saying a waiver that allows it is in the public interest. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

The Impact Of Tax Reform On Private Equity

While predicting exactly where President Trump and Congress will land when it comes to tax reform is at best an inexact science, some consistent themes have emerged, including a widespread elimination of deductions. The impact of eliminating corporate-level deductions for private equity funds cannot be understated, say attorneys with Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. [Read more »](#)

Repeal Of FCC Privacy Rules Leaves America Vulnerable

The congressional repeal of the Federal Communications Commission's October 2016 privacy rules will have security implications far beyond what was ever envisioned or intended. The end result will be a disaster not just for Americans' privacy, but for America's cybersecurity as well, says John Stephens of Sedgwick LLP. [Read more »](#)

Thinking Fast And Slow About Class Action Reform

Corporate interests lobbying for H.R. 985, the anti-class action bill recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, are the same ones that pushed the Class Action Fairness Act in 2005. That law caused most significant class actions to migrate to federal courts. Ironically, the new bill could return many class actions to state courts, says Michael Donovan of Donovan Litigation Group LLC. [Read more »](#)

10 Ways To Avoid Construction Defect Litigation In Colo.

If passed, Colorado's HB 1279 will be helpful to developers of residential projects, requiring community homeowners to approve construction defect litigation. However, even if the bill passes, developers should continue to implement a number of strategies to mitigate the risk of litigation, says Rebecca Dow of Holland & Hart LLP. [Read more »](#)

The 9-Year Winning Streak Of Virginia 'Rocket Docket'

Out of 94 district courts, the Eastern District of Virginia has been the fastest civil trial docket in the country for nine straight years. Without micromanaging the process, the EDVA's judges, magistrate judges, and clerks and staff continue to perform at a stunningly efficient level, says Bob Tata of Hunton & Williams LLP. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Katyal Laments Diversity Gap After Hitting High Court Record

Neal Katyal tied a record set by the late Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall on Tuesday for the most Supreme Court arguments by a minority attorney, but the Hogan Lovells partner told Law360 in an interview that Marshall's 50-year hold on the achievement is a "tragic" sign of the need for diversity among the Supreme Court bar. [Read more »](#)